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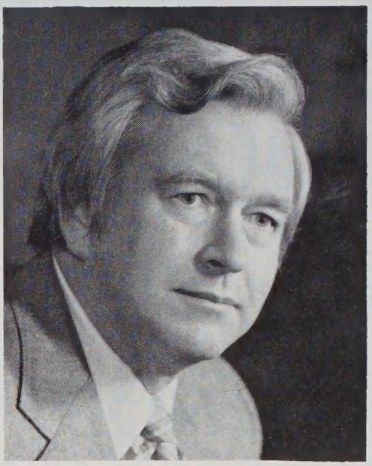

MODERATOR OF SYNOD—1978
Professor Bruce C. Stewart, D.D.

FRIDAY, JUNE 16, 1978, 8:00 P.M.

The One Hundred Forty-Ninth Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America met pursuant to adjournment at William Spoelhof College Center, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Michigan, on Friday, June 16, 1978 at 8:00 p.m. The Retiring Moderator, Lester E. Kilpatrick, led in devotions and preached the Word from I Timothy 3:14,15 on the theme "Behaving in the Church", then constituted the court in prayer.

The roll was made up and is as follows for the sessions of Synod:

THE ROLL OF SYNOD

Ruling Elders are indented

Backenato, Bruce R., Sterling	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Bessell, Roy, Rose Point	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Birdsall, J. Donald, Los Angeles	XXXXXXXXXXX
Bittner, Lee P., Director of Educational Services	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Blackwood, Roy, Indianapolis	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Blair, S. Ray, Washington	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Buck, Francis S., M.D., Los Angeles	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Burns, Thomas, Almonte	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX

Carson, James D., Los Angeles	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Caskey, R. W., National Reform	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Catloth, Robert E., Lawrence	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Coon, David, Elkins Park	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Coon, Philip	XX
Copeland, E. Clark, Seminary	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Copeland, Robert, Shawnee	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Copeland, Stanley, Bloomington	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Cornell, William, Broomall	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Cretors, Fred, Indianapolis	XXXXXX XXXXXXXX
Dobbs, James, Four Mile	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Duffield, A. Wayne, Rimersburg	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Edgar, John O., Southfield	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Edgar, Kermit S., Eastvale	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Edgar, William, Broomall	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Elliott, D. Howard, Topeka	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Faris, David, Bloomington	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Faris, Paul, Lisbon	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Finley, Floyd, Sparta	XXXX X XXXXXXXX
Finley, Robert, Deacon - Ohio Illinois	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Good, Ronald, New Alexandria	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Gouge, Don, Fresno	XXXXXXX XXXXXXX
Harrington, H. B., Broomall	XXXXXXXXXX XXXX
Harrington, Milton, Ogemaw	XXXXXXXXXX
Hemphill, Bruce, Hays	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Hemphill, E. Raymond, Greeley	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Henning, Robert, Oakdale	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Hindman, Edward, Denison	XXXXXXXXXXXXX
Hurd, Kenneth, Superior-Beulah	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Hutmire, Louis D., Covenant Fellowship	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Hutcheson, T. M., Superior-Beulah	XX XXXXXXXXXXX
Joseph, Ralph, Easton	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Joseph, Raymond, West Lafayette	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Joseph, Thomas, Marion	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Keddie, Gordon, North Hills	X XXXXXXXXXXX
Kerr, J. T., Los Angeles - Deacon	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Kilpatrick, Lester, First Beaver Falls	X XXXXXXXXX
Lamont, Joseph, Seattle	XXXXXXXXXXX
Loker, Paul, Walton	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Long, William, West Lafayette	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Lowe, G. Duncan, Sharon	XXXXXXXXXXXXX
Mann, Max, Quinter	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Mann, Neal, Hays	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Martin, J. Bruce, Hebron	XXXXXXXXXXXXX

Martin, Melville, Home for the Aged	XXXXXXXXXX
Martin, Paul, Phoenix	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Martin, Philip, Fresno	XXXXXXXXXXXXX
McBurney, Kenneth, Almonte	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
McCracken, D. Ray, Minneola	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
McCracken, J. Paul, Westminster	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
McCracken, Robert, Walton	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
McCrory, James, Sterling	X XXXXXXXXXX
McElroy, Wilbur, Topeka	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
McElwain, Harry, Phoenix	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
McFarland, Glenn, Santa Ana	XXXXXXXXXXX
McFarland, M. L., Ogemaw	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
McFarland, Robert, Quinter	XXXXXXXXXXXXX
McKelvy, H. E., North Hills	XX XXXXXXXXXX
McMillan, John, Marion	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
McMillan, Robert, Coldenham-Newburgh	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
McNaughton, Tom, Geneva	XXXXXXXXXXXXX
Milroy, Jerrold S., Shawnee	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Mitchel, Waldo	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Miwa, Nobuo, Japan	XXX
Morrow, Robert, Sparta	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Nickerson, Ronald, Director of Publications	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Pennington, James	XX XXXXXXXXXX
Piper, Donald, Seattle	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Price, Thomas, Four Mile	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Reed, Donald, Sterling	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Rice, Robert, Rochester	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Robb, G. M., Lake Reno	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Robson, Edward, Syracuse	XXXXXXXXX
Russell, William, College Hill	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Sanderson, W. K., Allegheny	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Shafer, Charles, Coldenham-Newburgh	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Shell, Ralph, Southfield	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Smith, Dale, Lisbon	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Smith, Dean R., College Hill	XXXXXXXXXXXXX
Smith, John, Sharon	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Smith, Kenneth G., Covenant Fellowship	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Spear, Wayne, Seminary	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Stegall, Ronald, Lawrence	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Sterrett, Charles, Elkins Park	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Stewart, Bruce C., Seminary	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Tacey, Renwick, Orlando	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Tweed, John, Geneva	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Tweed, Robert, Geneva College	XXXXXXXXXX

Ver Hage, Isaac, Hetherton	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Vos, C. Ray, Geneva - Deacon	XXXXXX XXXXXX
Weilersbacher, Don, San Diego	XXXXXXXXXXXXX
White, John, Geneva College	XXXXXXXXXX
Wilson, J. Paul, Covenant Fellowship	XXXXXXXXXXXXX
Wright, James, Orlando	XXXXXXXXXXXX
Wright, R. Paul, Shawnee	XXXXXXXXXXXX
Yelder, W. J., Selma	XXXXXXXXXXXX
Zodhiates, Argos	XXXXXX

Elder delegates without certificates were seated.

Stanley R. Copeland and William Cornell were introduced as teaching elders who are members of the Court for the first time.

The following elders were introduced as members of the Court for the first time: David Faris, Bloomington and Isaac Ver Hage, Hetherton.

The following deacons were introduced as delegates to the Court for the first time: Thompson Kerr, Pacific Coast; Robert Finley, Ohio-Illinois; Raymond Vos, Pittsburgh; and James McCrory, Midwest.

Dorothy Duggan and Mrs. Cluck, workers in the Associate Presbyterian and Reformed Presbyterian Church in Arkansas were introduced to the Court.

Synod proceeded to the election of officers. Bruce C. Stewart was nominated for the office of Moderator. Mr. Stewart was elected. Paul Martin and Robert McCracken were re-elected as Clerk and Assistant Clerk respectively.

The Memorial Service was held. Memorials were read for Dr. Frank Emmet Allen, D.D. and Dr. Roy Cathcart Fullerton, D.D. The memorials appear in the Appendix to the Minutes.

The following elders were noted as having died since the last meeting of Synod: Oscar McClay and Willard Thompson, Oakdale; John Dale Russell and John W. Kennedy, Bloomington; John M. Allen, Allegheny; Robert J. Dill, Sterling; Robert Meneely, Coldenham-Newburgh; John Crawford, New York City; John H. McFarland, Southfield; Harvey McGee, Shawnee; and Walter Mandeville, First Beaver Falls.

The following missionaries were noted as having died since the last meeting of Synod: Miss Lillian McCracken and Miss Rose Huston.

The following ministers wives were noted as having died since the last meeting of Synod: Mrs. George (Helen) Coleman and Mrs. T. C. (Bertha) McKnight.

Kenneth Smith led in the memorial prayer.

The Report of the Clerk was taken up. Items 1—7 were adopted. The Report was adopted as a whole and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE CLERK OF SYNOD

The clerk of the 1977 Synod respectfully reports that he has carried out the duties assigned to him by the Synod.

The 1977 Minutes of Synod and Yearbook was edited by the clerk and typeset and printed by Mercury Press. I am sorry for the lateness of availability this year and trust it will be available earlier this year.

Letters were sent to all boards and committee chairmen reminding them that reports for Synod are to be in the hands of the clerk by April 15 for inclusion in the **Digest**. The **Docket** for the 1978 Synod has been prepared by the clerk, and will be included in the **Digest**. These have been reproduced and mailed by the Board of Education and Publication. A synopsis of rules of Synod has been included in the **Docket**.

Recommendations:

1. The order of business and the hours of meeting in the **Docket** be accepted as the agenda for this meeting of Synod.
2. That the parliamentarians for this meeting of Synod be Lester E. Kilpatrick, E. Raymond Hemphill and E. Clark Copeland.
3. That the precentor for this meeting of Synod be Robert Copeland.
4. That the Committee on Announcements for this meeting of Synod be Stan Copeland, Charles Shafer, and Dale Smith.
5. That an offering be taken to defray the expenses of Synod on Wednesday morning following the reading of the minutes.
6. That the following be referred to the nominating committee:
   a. A committee on Arrangements and Devotions for the 1979 Synod.
   b. A committee on Time and Place for the 1980 Synod.
   c. Those to whom letters of rememberance should be sent (1974 **Minutes**, p. 60).
   d. Delegates: to NAE Convention, and to serve as Synod's member on NAE Board of Administration.
   e. Those to be elected to fill vacancies on Synod's boards and permanent committees.
   f. One to be appointed to the 1979 Committee on Travel Fund and Absences.

7. That the following rules be adopted to govern the discussion of the Report of the Committee to Revise the Testimony (1976 **Minutes**, p. 40).
   a. That 15 minutes be allotted for floor discussion and debate on each chapter of the Testimony, and that individual speeches be limited to three (3) minutes. No amendments will be allowed from the floor. Each chapter will be voted on in its entirety, and approval requires a two-thirds vote.
   b. That failure to achieve a two-thirds majority vote on any chapter will have the effect of returning that chapter to the committee for revision in the light of floor discussion.
   c. That when each chapter has received the necessary two-thirds vote of the Synod, the entire Testimony be submitted to the sessions in overture, and that the session be asked to vote on each chapter separately, thereby allowing sessions, if in disagreement with a portion of the Testimony, to vote in favor of chapters with which they stand in agreement.
   d. That any chapter not approved in overture be returned to the committee for revision and resubmission to the Synod and sessions.
   e. That the revised Testimony replace the present Testimony only upon approval of all the chapters and the declaration by Synod of their adoption.

The court was adjourned in prayer by the Moderator.

SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 1978, 8:30 A.M.

Synod met pursuant to adjournment in the Chapel of Calvin Seminary, Grand Rapids, Michigan, on Saturday, June 17, 1978 at 8:30 a.m. and was constituted in prayer by the moderator.

The Roll was taken.

Paul Faris led in devotions preaching from Colossians 1:1-14 on the theme "Salutation and Prayer".

The minutes of the previous session were read, corrected, and approved.

The following papers were presented to the court. 78—1 regarding the transfer of care of a licentiate from one Presbytery to another Presbytery was referred to the Judicial Committee. The paper was concerned with how the transfer should take place. 78—2 regarding the time of the report of the Committee on Finance was referred to the moderator for implementation. The concern of this paper is to have the Report of the Finance Committee discussed earlier in Synod so that such matters may be thoroughly discussed appart from the pressure of adjournment.

The Committees appointed by the Moderator were announced and are as follows:

COMMITTEES APPOINTED BY THE MODERATOR

Nominating Committee
Paul McCracken
Howard Elliott
Kenneth Smith (2 yrs.)
Charles Sterrett (2 yrs.)
James Dobbs (1 yr.)
William Russell (1 yr.)

Judicial Committee
John McMillan
Wayne Spear
Robert Tweed
Francis Buck
Neal Mann
William Edgar

Courtesy
Donald Piper
Marion McFarland

Resolution of Thanks
J. Paul Wilson
Paul Loker
Roy Bessell

COMMITTEES TO EXAMINE RECORDS OF PRESBYTERY

(Check **Minutes** of 1976, page 107)

Iowa
Ken McBurney
Tom Price
Kenneth Sanderson
Ron Good
Don Reed

Pacific Coast
John Tweed
William Cornell
Renwick Tacey

Midwest
James Wright
David Coon
Don Gouge

Pittsburgh
Robert McMillan
Tom Joseph
Fred Cretors

New York
Raymond Joseph
Don Reed
Ralph Shell

St. Lawrence
Gordon Keddie
Max Mann
Bill Long

Ohio-Illinois
Bruce Martin
W. A. McElroy
John White

Japan Commission
Ray McCrackin
Harold Harrington
David Faris

Travel Fund & Absences Committee
Tom Price, Chairman
Ed Hindman

The Report of the Stated Clerk was taken up, adopted and is as follows:

STATED CLERK'S REPORT
December 31, 1977

The reports received from the 7 Presbyteries indicate that we still have 66 Congregations, 5 Mission Stations and a Mission Field in Japan (the same as 1976). There are 105 ordained teaching elders, 25 men under the care of presbyteries of which 10 are licensed to preach. There are 3,951 communicant members and 1,075 baptized members, 279 elders, 271 deacons and 8 missionaries. The average attendance in Sabbath School was 2,680 and the average attendance in Sabbath Worship Service was 3,640 and 327 were in Young People's Societies. These figures include 3 congregations in Japan that have 101 communicant members, 47 baptized members and 3 teaching elders.

MINISTERS

	Totals		Pastors or Stated Supply	Other Church Work	Retired	Other
	1976	1977				
Iowa	4	4	4	0	0	0
Midwest	24	27	14	2	5	6
New York	8	8	6	0	1	1
Ohio-Illinois	17	17	9	0	2	6
Pacific Coast	7	9	6	1	1	1
Pittsburgh	33	31	11	14	5	1
St. Lawrence	6	6	5	0	1	0
Japan	3	3	3	0	0	0
Totals	102	105	58	17	15	15

Ordained and Installed, 1977

Donald Piper	Seattle	02/18/77
J. Edward Hindman	Denison	05/12/77

Installed, 1977

Robert W. McMillan	Coldenham-Newburgh	02/18/77
Godfrey Franklin	Selma	05/06/77
Thomas M. Hutcheson	Superior-Beulah	05/20/77
Jerrold S. Milroy	Shawnee	07/13/77
Shigeru Takiura	Keiyaku	09/04/77

Released from Pastoral Charges, 1977

David Burke	Hetherton	06/06/77
Philip W. Martin	Montclair	05/30/77
Jerrold S. Milroy	Bloomington	06/30/77
Waldo Mitchel	Cambridge	11/30/77

Ministers Removed by Death, 1977

Frank E. Allen	Pittsburgh	11/10/77

Licentiates, 1977

Philip Beard
David Coon
Paul Copeland
John Delivuk
Larry Falk
Richard Ganz
Robert Henniger
George Hueber
Charles Leach
David Peachy

MEMBERSHIP

	12/31/76	12/31/77
Total Membership	**5,155**	**5,026**
Communicant Members	4,016	3,951
Baptized Members	1,139	1,075
Increases		
by Baptism	97	96
by Profession of Faith	61	121
from Other R. P. Churches	105	81
from Other Denominations	30	48
Other	19	17
Total Increases	**312**	**363**
Decreases		
Deaths	63	51
to Other R. P. Churches	112	97
to Other Denominations	98	119
Suspended	35	69
Other	228	156
Total Decreases	**536**	**492**

Note the following:

Total membership decreased 129 in 1977 compared to 234 in 1976. Members received by Profession of Faith in 1977 were double that of 1976. Decreases due to "Other" is still the largest item, which appears to be due to purging of the rolls. In both years more members were reported going "To Other R. P. Churches" than were received "From Other R. P. Churches". In two years we appear to have lost 24 members just transferring from one congregation to another.

FINANCES

	12/31/76	12/31/77
Beginning Balances	$ 232,135	$ 264,228
Receipts	1,698,038	2,002,308
Disbursements:		
Pastors Salaries	516,265	581,825
Synod's Budget	188,230	194,884
Other R. P. Works	84,711	88,313
Other	879,567	1,110,089
Total Disbursements	**1,668,773**	**1,975,111**
Ending Balances	**$ 259,310**	**$ 291,425**

Various observations can be made from these figures. One is that the giving to Synod's Budget increased. Another is that the ending balances are greater than the beginning balances. In 1976, $27,175 more was received than spent and in 1977 $27,197 more was received than spent.

ADDENDA

INSTALLED

Bruce C. Hemphill	Hays	02/15/78

ORDAINED AND INSTALLED

Stanley Copeland	Bloomington	03/24/78

RELEASED

Robert Ulrich	Belle Center	03/31/78
Renwick Wright	Winchester	05/31/78
Joseph Caskey	Rose Point	06/07/78

DIED

Roy Fullerton		05/19/78

Respectfully submitted,
Louis D. Hutmire
Stated Clerk

It was moved that the names and addresses of licentiates be placed with each Presbytery's roster following the listing of Ministers with our Pastorates.

The Report of the Pension Trustees was taken up. Items 1 and 2 were referred to the Nominating Committee. Item 3 was referred to the Committee on Finance. In Item 4 the Preamble and articles I, III, IV, and VIII were adopted. Articles II, V, VI, and VII were referred back to the Board.

The Report of the Committee to Revise the Testimony was taken up. Chapter 4 was discussed and referred back to the Committee. Chapter 14 was taken up and referred back to the Committee. Chapter 15 was taken up and approved by more than a two-thirds majority vote. Chapter 16 was taken up and approved by more than a two-thirds majority vote. Chapter 17 was taken up, discussed and referred back to the Committee. Chapter 18 was taken up and adopted by a two-thirds majority vote. Chapter 19 was taken up discussed and referred back to the Committee. Chapter 20 was taken up and adopted by a two-thirds majority vote. Chapter 21 was taken up discussed and referred back to the Committee.

SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 1978, 1:30 P.M.

Synod was reconvened in prayer by Robert Rice.

The Roll was noted.

The minutes of the previous session were read and adopted.

The Moderator announded the order of the day for Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. following the reading of the minutes to be the discussion of denominational finances as called for in Paper 78—2.

The Report of the Committee to Revise the Testimony was taken up. Chapter 22 was taken up, discussed, and referred back to the Committee.

The preliminary report of the Committee on Finance was distributed, discussed and received.

The Report of the Trustees of Synod was taken up. Items 1—3 were referred to the Nominating Committee. Item 4 was approved. Items 5—8 were referred to the Committee on Finance. Item 9 was referred back to the Board. Item 10 was approved.

The Court was adjourned in prayer by Clark Copeland.

MONDAY, JUNE 19, 1978, 8:30 A.M.

Synod met pursuant to adjournment in the chapel of Calvin Seminary, Grand Rapids, Michigan, on Monday, June 19, 1978 at 8:30 a.m. and was constituted in prayer by James Dobbs.

The Roll was taken.

Ronald Stegall led in devotions preaching from Colossians 1:15—23 on the theme "The Person and Work of Christ".

The following papers were presented to the court: 78—3 a request from some men of the Sharon Congregation through Iowa Presbytery for the review of Iowa Presbytery's action in regard to the Sharon Congregation was referred to the Committee to Ex-

amine the Records of the Iowa Presbytery. Two men were to be added to the Committee. 78—4 a call from The Christian Counseling and Educational Foundation on Richard Ganz to do counseling with them was referred to the Judicial Committee. The paper came through the St. Lawrence Presbytery and asked Synod to answer some questions raised in connection with this unique situation. 78—5 a paper asking for a clarification of who is to acceed to the office of moderator in the event of the disabling or disqualification of the present moderator was referred to the Parliamentarians. 78—6 concerning the requirement of Psalm meditations in the worship service was referred to a special committee to be appointed by the Nominating Committee. The Paper from the Iowa Presbytery asked whether the Psalm meditation is required, optional or somewhere in between.

The Report of the Board of Corporators of Geneva College was taken up and read. Item 1 was referred to the Nominating Committee. Item 2 was adopted. The Report was received and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CORPORATORS OF GENEVA COLLEGE

We express our gratitude to God for His mercies to our Board, the Board of Trustees, the Administration, faculty and student body of the college during the past year.

Two meetings were held during the year. The President called the Board to meet at Geneva on March 16, 1978 to interview Dr. Byron Bitar, a member of the RPCES, for continuation as professor of Philosophy in the Bible Department. He was approved for continuation. Our annual meeting was held at Calvin Seminary on June 17, 1978.

The following were elected to the Board of Trustees of the College:

Nominated by the Trustees: Frank H. Morrow

Nominated by the Alumni Association: Walter Helsing, M.D.

Representatives of the R. P. Church: Robert Baumgartner, Rex Downie, Wendell McBurney, William Metcalfe, Mrs. Robert Park, Kenneth G. Smith, R. Paul Wright

The following were elected to the Board of Corporators, Class of 1981:

James D. Carson
Lester Kilpatrick
Thomas McNaughton
J. Renwick Wright

Our officers are as follows:

President: J. Renwick Wright
Vice President: Dean R. Smith
Secretary: E. Clark Copeland
Treasurer: John Wilson

Recommendations:

1. That the incumbent, Dean R. Smith, be nominated for reelection to the Board of Corporators by Synod.
2. That the Synod hear the Report of the Board of Trustees of Geneva College.

E. Clark Copeland
Secretary

The Report of the Board of Trustees of Geneva College was taken up. Dr. Edwin Clarke, President of Geneva College addressed the Court on behalf of the college. Joseph Lamont spoke on the subject of the solicitation of $500,000 from the denomination for the Geneva Tomorrow Fund.

The Report of the Committee on the Questions on Covenanting was taken up.

The Court was recessed in prayer by G. M. Robb.

MONDAY, JUNE 19, 1978, 1:30 P.M.

The Court was reconvened in prayer by Philip Martin.

The Roll was noted.

The Minutes were read and adopted.

The Report of the Board of Trustees of Geneva College was taken up, received and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF GENEVA COLLEGE

TO THE BOARD OF CORPORATORS OF GENEVA COLLEGE:

We thank God for the Christian faith through which we are able to trust Him for future needs. He will work through dedicated lives to provide the future as He has the past. We are thankful, too, for all His past blessings—not a few.

Meetings were on May 27 and October 28, 1977 and January 27 and March 17, 1978. Average attendance was over 20.

The program of chapel meetings and other spiritual and cultural activities spreads over the academic year. We note that this is the

tenth anniversary year of the adoption of the "Foundational Concepts of Christian Education" (on October 26, 1967). A five-member, student, summer ministry team, "New Song", travelled 12,500 miles last summer, sharing their Christian witness in spoken word and in Psalms to 44 churches. Church and college leaders provided their training. Guest speakers during the year included: Dr. Robert Copeland, Mr. Keith Gates, Dr. James M. Boice (the Thomas F. Staley Distinguished Christian Scholar Lecturer), Dr. John H. Gerstner, the Rev. Bruce Bell, Dr. Norman Geisler and others. A "Pastor's Day" on November 9, 1977 heard Dr. Boice.

Throughout the year we give attention to many matters concerning students and faculty and other academic and curriculum areas, as they are referred to us by the administration for information, counsel, approval or other consideration. They include student requests, scholarships, other aid, tuition, other charges, health matters, personal welfare; faculty tenure, appointments, promotions, salary, other benefits, retirement, welfare, advanced study, and attendance at administrative and scholarly conferences; consideration of degrees offered or to be offered, the academic calendar, enrollment and enrollment trends. We have been informed of the popular "Informa-II" and "Informa-III" courses held during the academic year. They are sponsored by the Alumni Association.

Approval was given for the offering of the degree of Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering. This means that we now offer degrees in the four major fields of engineering — Civil, Electrical, Industrial and Mechanical.

We regret that again, in order to attain a break-even budget, it appears that we will have to assign certain gift items to current operating expenses rather than to capital purposes. Also, we still need to increase our student enrollment.

Although our heating equipment now has the capability to be operated on oil, we are thankful that we were permitted to use the more economical gas fuel for most of the winter.

This year's Phon-O-Thon again increased over the previous year in pledges. As you know, it is sponsored by the Alumni Association. This year 145 volunteers (alumni, students, staff and other friends) secured over $44,000.00 in pledges. We are indeed grateful.

As of February 28, 1978, the Development Fund (not the new Geneva Tomorrow Fund) showed total campaign pledges of $7,046,-574, of which all but $66,052 has been paid. Total campaign pledges by the Reformed Presbyterian Church were $552,748 and all but $9,194 has been paid.

We express appreciation for permission, granted by the Synod of

1977, to conduct a campaign for capital and endowment gifts among the congregations and members of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America to seek the sum of $500,000 over a period of ten years in support of a $15,000,000 development program.

Mr. Scott Bliss, an alumnus amd trustee, has accepted chairmanship of the Development Committee of the Board of Trustees. Dr. William Metcalfe has accepted national chairmanship of the new Geneva Tomorrot Fund capital gifts campaign. The responses of the Boards of Corporators and Trustees and of the faculty, administration and staff to the Geneva Tomorrow Fund solicitation have been most favorable. These solicitations always come first in any campaign. Other campaign activities are proceeding according to a definite plan. Dr. James Carson and Dr. Joseph Lamont have accepted the national chairmanship of the R. P. Church gifts. Dr. John H. White will act as Staff Director of church gifts. Mr. Lumley Wilson, Manager of the Beaver Falls Plant of the Armstrong Cork Company and a trustee, has accepted chairmanship of the business community gift campaign. Other details will be completed in sequence.

Enrollment in the day school as of September 1977 was 1162. This was a small increase over the previous year's figure of 1127. It is expected that 305 seniors will be graduated in 1978, including 17 with associate degrees.

The values of college property and of the endowment fund are:

	1978 (Audit of 6/30/77)	**1977 (Audit of 6/30/76)**
Land	$ 1,528,726	$ 1,528,726
Buildings	19,841,191	19,132,928
Equipment and Furnishings	2,549,734	2,458,259
Total Physical Plant	**$23,919,651**	**$23,119,913**
Market Value of Endowment	3,362,370	3,363,147
Size of campus	112.208 acres	112.208 acres

Professor Charles Schauffle of Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary will deliver the Baccalaureate address in Metheny Fieldhouse on Sabbath evening, April 30, 1978. The Commencement exercises will be held on May 2 at which time Dr. John Alexander of the Intervarsity Christian Fellowship will deliver the Commencement address.

At the 1977 Commencement exercises, honorary degrees were conferred on the following persons:

Charles Chung-hui Chao received the honorary degree Doctor of Divinity

E. Raymond Hemphill received the honorary degree Doctor of Divinity

LeRoy Eims received the honorary degree Doctor of Divinity

The terms of the following members of the Board of Trustees expire in 1978 and their successors should be chosen:

Representing the Reformed Presbyterian Church—Mr. Robert Baumgartner, Mr. R. Rex Downie, Jr., Mr. William K. Metcalfe, Dr. Wendell F. McBurney, Mrs. Robert Park, Rev. Kenneth G. Smith, Dr. R. Paul Wright.

Representing the Alumni Association—Dr. Walter Helsing.

Members certified by the Board of Trustees—Mr. J. Douglas Brooks.

We would respectfully request that President Edwin C. Clarke be heard by the Synod on behalf of the College.

With grateful thanks to God for His past blessings we go forward in confidence that He will continue to enable us to faithfully fulfill the College motto "Pro Christo et Patria".

Respectfully submitted,
J. Merrill Robb, President
Jean L. Hemphill, Secretary

The following resolution concerning the giving of Distinguished Service Awards by Geneva College was referred to the Board of Corporators of Geneva College: That Synod enjoins the Board of Corporators, the Trustees and the Administration of Geneva College that it desires the establishment and implementation of a policy of giving Distinguished Service Awards and other honorary distinctions only to such persons as are known for their personal commitment to the Lord Jesus Christ and who have given distinguished service for Him in their field and calling.

The Report of the Committee on the Verbal Revision of the Westminster Confession was taken up and received. The Committee was continued. The Report is as follows:

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON VERBAL REVISION OF THE WESTMINSTER CONFESSION OF FAITH

Your committee held two meetings during the year with the representatives of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church and the Reformed Presbyterian Church (Evangelical Synod).

A further draft of Chapters 20—33 was prepared. Chapters 2 through 33 were submitted to Dr. Norman Carson, head of the English Department of Geneva College, to be stylized. Chapters 2 through 11 have been finalized.

Our thanks are expressed to Dr. Carson for his help in putting the draft in final form.

David M. Carson
G. Duncan Lowe
Johannes G. Vos
J. Renwick Wright, Chairman

The Rev. Mr. Paul Treick, fraternal delegate from the Reformed Church in the United States was introduced to the Court.

The Report of the Committee on Shorter Testimony was taken up. Items 1—3 were adopted. The Report was received and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SHORTER TESTIMONY

The assignment to this committee was summarized in the Minutes of Synod 1977, page 115.

The Committee met at the Reformed Presbyterian Seminary March 14 and 15 and plans to meet again on May 16 and 17.

After long discussion the Committee decided to frame a brief document that would be a tool for the denomination as she seeks to speak to the secular and humanistic culture. The Committee does not envision the document to be **in any sense** a subordinate standard or therefore in the historical sense a "Testimony" but a tool for witness bearing.

It is our plan to have a proposed document available at the Synod meeting. The proposed outline of the document is as follows:

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Introduction—God has Spoken

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a. Satan and the Fall
b. True guilt and responsibility
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Chapter 4—What is God's solution to evil?
a. Jesus Christ—his identity
b. Jesus Christ—Satan defeated
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Chapter 5—Where is history going?
a. Evil will continue
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a. Origin and purpose and authority of government (vs. popular sovereignty)
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c. The proper use of experiences

Chapter 12—How shall we educate ourselves?
a. The proper foundation of education
b. Education for a purpose
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Chapter 13—How does the Christian face the future?
a. Christ—the new man
b. Christians—the new order of man
c. The new heaven and new earth

We Recommend:
1. That the document not be considered a subordinate standard or in the historical sense a "Testimony."

2. That the document be received in terms of its purpose and basic structure by Synod and that suggestions for revision be sent to the Committee by September 11, 1978.
3. That following revision by the Committee that the document be attractively published by the Education and Publication Board.

A partial Report of the Nominating Committee was read and adopted.

The Reports of Presbyteries were read, received and are as follows:

REPORT OF IOWA PRESBYTERY

Iowa Presbytery would report that since the last meeting of Synod we have had one special meeting (on Feb. 24, 1978) and one regular meeting (on April 7, 1978).

There are five congregations, four of these having settled pastors and one (Morning Sun) depending on pulpit supply (usually the Sharon pastor). However, by the end of the summer Dr. Robb plans to retire from Lake Reno, leaving that pulpit vacant.

As far as congregational statistics are concerned only Marion showed a numerical gain over the year (by the addition of one non-communicant member). The other congregations showed overall losses of 2, 3, 9 and 15 for the same period.

Two congregations are receiving aid, Washington and Marion. Washington becomes fully self-supporting after this year, and Marion plans to become fully self-supporting after 1979.

There are two matters of principal concern in the Presbytery right now. One is the matter of planning for the future of the Lake Reno Congregation. The other is Presbytery's attempt to exercise proper oversight of the Sharon Congregation (which has experienced some uncomfortable tensions and divisions).

The yearly Presbytery Family Conference at Lake Darling continues to be well received and to grow. Our main difficulty is not being able to avoid schedule-conflict with the local county fairs in which most of our farm youth are involved.

Presbytery's roll contains three names from the former Winnepeg Congregation. There is one student of theology under care. There are no licentiates and no ministers without pastorates.

All members are accounted for and the Travel Fund is paid. Our Travel Fund agent is John Smith. Our delegates to the Home Mission Board is Duncan Lowe. Our delegate to the Board of Corporators is Ray Blair.

Respectfully submitted,
Duncan Lowe, Clerk
Iowa Presbytery

REPORT OF THE MIDWEST PRESBYTERY

Dear Brothers in Christ,

Since our meeting during the 1977 Synod, we have held one regular meeting in Westminster, Colorado on October 11, 12, 1977 and one called meeting during this meeting of Synod.

Of the sixteen congregations on Presbytery's roll, thirteen have settled pastors. Jerrold S. Milroy was installed as pastor of the Shawnee Congregation on July 13, 1977; and Bruce Hemphill, who had been Stated Supply for the Hays Fellowship, was installed as their pastor on February 15, 1978. J. Renwick Wright was released from the pastorate of the Winchester Congregation on May 31, 1978 in order to take up the chair of New Testament Studies in our Seminary. Besides the vacant pulpit at Winchester, the Park City and Hot Springs Congregations have neither a pastor nor any other elected resident elders.

There are 26 ministers on the roll of Presbytery. This includes the addition of Jerrold S. Milroy and David L. Burke by transfer of membership and the release of J. Renwick Wright. Thirteen of our ministers are in pastorates within the bounds of the Presbytery, two others are serving in Japan, six are in other fields of work and five are retired.

There are four men under the care of Presbytery. The licensure of Larry Falk is due to expire in October, 1978; at this time he does not foresee working in the pastorate as a part of his future. Jeff Frye, though re-certified to the Seminary has re-evaluated his call to the ministry and may not be returning to the Seminary. Two other men, David McGrath and Jerry O'Neill, have recently been taken under the care of Presbytery and both at present plan to begin their seminary studies in the fall of 1979.

The family conferences within the bounds of Presbytery have undergone some changes over the past few years. In 1977 the Forest Park Conference had the smallest registration known to most of us while the Covenant Heights Conference had its largest attendance; the two conferences overlapped by a day. This has led to the change

of the time of the Forest Park Conference to June while the Covenant Heights Conference remains in August. The full-time registration for the Forest Park Conference held earlier this month showed a significant increase. Both conference administratons are seeking to enlarge on themes considered at their respective previous conferences.

At the end of December, the Lawrence Session sponsored a conference for single adults and plans are being made for a similar conference this December.

The Christian Education Committee of the Quinter Congregation is planning a conferette for their own and nearby congregations, similar to the ones they have sponsored in previous summers.

Presbytery's Christian Education and Evangelism Committee sponsored another men's retreat which was held March 31 and April 1, 1978 on the campus of Sterling College. This practice has proved beneficial in providing fellowship and edification for the men of the Presbytery.

The practice of visiting the congregations of the Presbytery every four years is continuing with some irregularity. In a few cases Presbytery has approved and/or directed repeat visits by the same visitation committee in order to deal with various pressing matters and insure progress.

The lay communicant roll of Presbytery now stands at 4; all are accounted for. Our Travel Fund is paid in full.

Respectfully submitted,
J. Bruce Martin, Clerk

REPORT OF THE NEW YORK PRESBYTERY

The New York Presbytery would respectfully report that since the last meeting of the Synod, the presbytery has met once in regular session. In addition the Ad Interim Commission, the two church extension commissions (representing two geographical areas of the presbytery), and a special commission with responsibilities for Montclair have met as needs and conditions arose.

We have five organized congregations and three mission stations under our care. All the organized congregations with the exception of Cambridge have regularily installed pastors, although G. W. Price is still on leave from New York City and will be resuming his work in the fall. The mission stations are located in White Lake, N. Y., Montclair, N. J., and Easton, Pa. Although not under the direct care of the presbytery, the Broomall congregation continues to carry on work in

Phoenixville, Pa. under the direction of associate pastor, William Cornell. David Coon, John Brent, Sam Sterrett and Joseph Paul are students under our care.

Each of the organized congregations receive regular preaching of the Word and the administration of the sacraments. Within the ranks of the mission stations, both Montclair and Easton receive regular preaching and administration of the sacraments while White Lake receives occassional preaching, particularly in the summer, and the observance of the sacraments from time to time. Morris Maxwell of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod serves part time as Presbytery Worker in Montclair and Ralph Joseph continues at Easton.

We would note for the particular care and prayers of the brethren the following items:

1. Cambridge is without a pastor and seeking the will of the Lord in knowing what direction(s) the work should take there.
2. Easton is entering the sixth year of operations (although only the second in their new building) and it is hoped that soon sufficient people will be committed to the RPC so as to form a congregation with at least one elder.
3. Montclair is experiencing some serious difficulties that need the care and wisdom of godly men.
4. Coldenham-Newburgh Session as one of the Church Extension Commissions is conducting a study to determine the future of the White Lake work.
5. Broomall's thrust in developing a mission church at Phoenixville.

The White Lake family conference continues to be a blessing to many. The conference is administered by a joint commission of two elders from St. Lawrence Presbytery and two elders from New York Presbytery. The conference this year is from August 18—26.

Our statistical report was forwarded in due time to the clerk. All our members are counted for and our travel fund is paid in full. R. W. McMillan is our travel fund agent for this meeting of the Synod.

Ralph E. Joseph, Clerk

REPORT OF THE OHIO-ILLINOIS PRESBYTERY

Dear Fathers and Brethren:

The Ohio-Illinois Presbytery would report that we continue to have twelve organized congregations. All have settled pastors except Belle Center, Chicago and Hetherton.

Rev. Stan Copeland was ordained and installed as Pastor of the Bloomington, Indiana congregation on March 24, 1978. Rev. Robert Ulrich submitted his resignation as Pastor of the Belle Center, Ohio congregation. The Ad Interim Commission, after consultation with Mr. Ulrich, accepted his resignation effective March 31, 1978. Mr. Ulrich and his family now reside in Kansas.

Presently the Hetherton pulpit is being filled by Elder Isaac VerHage. On May 3, 1978, Mr. VerHage was elected an elder of the Hetherton congregation and on May 31, 1978, he was Ordained and Installed to this office.

There are 16 pastors on our roll as of June 17, 1978. Nine are in settled pastorates, two are retired and five are engaged in other work. Three of these five are serving by appointment of Presbytery on local sessions. In accord with the action of Synod of 1968, the Ordination status of those men not in the pastorate has been reviewed and continued. We note to the Synod that these men are available for pulpit ministries and for service on committees and Boards of Synod. These men are: Samuel Boyle, Philip Coon, Donald Felker, Milton Harrington, R. Paul Mathews, and D. Ray Wilcox. In April of 1978, Mr. Eurie H. Smith, III declared that he was independent of the denomination. At the time of his declaration there were no charges against him, therefore, on June 17, 1978, the Presbytery removed his name from the roll.

There are 6 men under care of the Presbytery. Mr. John Delivuk is a librarian at Covenant Seminary; Mr. Robert Henninger who worked with the Irish Mission Board for 2 years; and Mr. David Peachy who has worked this past year under the supervision of the West Lafayette Session. These men are licensed and are available for preaching. Mr. William Roberts is in the process of being examined for licensure and is commended to the Seminary for his third year. Mr. Robert Schmidtberger, a member of the Bloomington congregation, was taken under care of Presbytery on March 25, 1978. He will begin his first year in the Seminary this fall. Mr. Paul W. Finley, a member of the Sparta, Illinois congregation, was taken under care of Presbytery as a student of Theology on June 17, 1978. He also will begin his first year in the Seminary this fall.

The Presbytery calls Synod's attention to the following action which was taken at its Spring meeting: "That the following procedure be established and carefully observed in the Ohio-Illinois Presbytery. In the case that a congregation elects as their pastor a man who will require ordination by the Presbytery, the Pastor-elect, if he accepts that call, shall be examined by the Presbytery and sustained for ordination prior to his moving to the pastoral charge."

The Presbytery rejoices to see God's hand of blessing upon the various congregations and other ministries. The Presbytery Family Conference at Covenant College was held last July and one is planned this year from July 15—21. The Indianapolis congregation held Summer Training Program which included one group traveling on a training and service ministry to Scotland and Ireland.

The Indianapolis congregation has been directly involved in a new work on Southside Indianapolis. Some of the members are relocating in this part of the city. The plans have progressed to the time when a new congregation soon will be formed. The Church Extension Commission of the Presbytery has been involved in the development of the Columbus, Indiana ministry. This work has been nurtured by the Lord to the point where a new congregation will be organized in the near future.

Since the last meeting of Synod, we have had one regular meeting and the Synod meeting of Presbytery. The officers of the Presbytery are: William Long, Moderator; M. L. McFarland, Clerk; Robert Morrow, Asst. Clerk; and William Finley, Treasurer. Robert Templeton is our representative on the Geneva College Board of Corporators. Ray Joseph is our representative on the Home Mission Board.

Respectfully submitted,
M. L. McFarland, Clerk

REPORT OF THE PACIFIC COAST PRESBYTERY

Dear Fathers and Brethren,

The Pacific Coast Presbytery reports six congregations and one mission station under oversight. The Fresno Congregation has been studying their area to know where their center of ministry should be located. The Los Angeles Congregation is in the process of deciding whether or not to change the location of the center of their ministry. The Phoenix Congregation labors under the burden of youthfulness as her members and leaders are young and therefore do not have the blessings which God gives through experience. The San Diego Congregation has struggled for several years but this year was able to report a net increase in membership for the first time in this decade. They also returned the grant from the Home Mission Board for 1978 and did not make request for 1979. The Santa Ana Congregation is looking to the Lord to show them where He would be pleased to give them a fruitful ministry. The Seattle congregation has enjoyed the blessing of seeing God give them many new converts through their ministry this past year.

The Presbytery has asked both the Home and Foreign Mission Boards to support the development of a Congregation in Anchorage, Alaska. We asked the Foreign Board to help because Alaska is so far removed from any other congregations and because of the large population of Eskimos and Oriental peoples we would expect to develop mission works in these groups and may possibly want to call a missionary from Japan to aid in the work.

There are nine pastors on our roll: five of these are in active pastorates, namely James D. Carson, Los Angeles; Paul M. Martin, Phoenix; Glenn McFarland, Santa Ana; Donald Piper, Seattle; Donald Weilersbacher, San Diego. Philip W. Martin is serving as stated supply for the Fresno Congregation. Jerry Hayenga is engaged in special education; Charles Chao serves with the Reformation Translation Fellowship in Taipei. Dr. Alvin W. Smith is retired.

The 1977 summer conference was held at Camp Good News, Prescott, Arizona; the 1978 summer conference is planned for Warm Beach, Washington for the dates of August 21—28. Dr. David Carson will be speaking on the general theme of Christians' responsibility in politics.

The Presbytery is carrying on a regular program of congregational visitation and is seeking to carry out its responsibilities of oversight.

In addition to the officers listed in the roster, Surrendra Gangadean is our representative to Geneva College Board of Corporators; Don Piper is our representative to the Board of Home Missions and Tom Kerr is our deacon delegate to Synod.

All reports have been completed and forwarded to the proper officers of Synod. Our Travel Fund is paid in full. Philip W. Martin is our Travel Agent for this meeting of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul M. Martin, Clerk
Pacific Coast Presbytery

REPORT OF THE PITTSBURGH PRESBYTERY

Dear Fathers and Brethren:

The Pittsburgh Presbytery would respectfully report that since our last report to the Synod we have held two (2) regular meetings and two (2) special meetings of the Presbytery. The meeting of November 4 and 5, 1977 was held in the Geneva Reformed Presbyterian Church and the meeting of May 6, 1978 was held in the Manchester Reformed Presbyterian Church. A special meeting was held on May

20, 1978 to examine students under our care in the North Hills Reformed Presbyterian Church and on Saturday, June 17, 1978 we met here at the meeting of the Synod.

We have fourteen (14) congregations under our care in addition to the Mars Mission Station. Ten (10) of these have pastors, and the other four are supplied with preaching as they supply their own pulpit.

We have nineteen (19) ministerial members on our roll in addition to the Pastors. Four of these are retired, six are associated with Geneva College, three are Professors in the Seminary, and one is Emeritus Professor of the Seminary, one is administrative secretary of the National Reform Association, one is Director of Christian Education, one is Director of Publication, one is a missionary to Japan, and one has recently resigned as the Superintendent of the Reformed Presbyterian Aged Peoples Home.

On June 7, 1978, the Ad Interim Commission received the resignation of Joseph M. Caskey, as the pastor of the Rose Point Reformed Presbyterian Church and it was accepted.

During this last year, two of our members were called to their eternal rest in Christ, the Rev. Frank Emmet Allen, D.D. on November 11, 1977 and the Rev. Roy Cathcart Fullerton, D.D. on May 19, 1978. We thank the Lord for their lives and faithful service to the Church.

We have three (3) licentiates under our care, Phil Beard who is the editorial assistant for the **Covenanter Witness**, Paul E. Copeland who has returned from a year's study in Scotland and working in the Wishaw, Scotland congregation and is now planning to persue his academic studies here at home. And Charles Leach, who taught a number of Hebrew and Greek language courses at our Seminary this year as well as completing a year's work with the Mars Mission Station. As a presbytery we commend Charles Leach to the church-at-large as a candidate for a call to the Gospel ministry. In addition to these men we have eight (8) other men under our care: Douglas Boydston, Bryon Curtis, Ronald Graham, Robert L. Hemphill, Daniel Kepple, Ronald Marcinko, Robert Miller and Timothy Russell.

Our Young People have carried on an active and an agressive program within the Presbytery this year, hosting a Psalm sing, a Ski Outing, a Swimming Party, a Presbytery picnic and planning other events. There was a camp-O-Day, March 23—25, 1978 at Camp Lutherlyn with a capacity attendance. A summer conference for the presbytery is again scheduled for Camp Lambec, on Lake Erie, August 19—26, 1978.

The Reformed Bible Conference was again held this year but this year in conjunction with the Spring Lecture Series at our Seminary. The speaker was Dr. Carl Bogue, pastor of Faith Presbyterian Church

(PCA), Akron, Ohio. We have continued our program of Congregational Visitation with: Allegheny, College Hill, Eastvale, and First Beaver Falls being visited.

The outreach work at Penn State University has been of concern to our Presbytery this past year and at our May 6, 1978 meeting it was reviewed, and it was decided to discontinue Reformed Presbyterian services there.

The officers of the Presbytery are: Moderator, Dean R. Smith; Clerk, Ronald V. Good; Assistant Clerk, John H. Tweed; Treasurer, Louis D. Hutmire; Moderator of the Ad Interim Commission, Kenneth G. Smith; Secretary of Pulpit Supplies, John H. White; Young Peoples Secretary, Norman M. Carson; Assistant Young Peoples Secretary, Daniel Kepple. E. Clark Copeland is our representative on the Board of Corporators of Geneva College and A. Wayne Duffield is our representative on the Home Mission Board. Thomas A. Price, Jr. is our Travel Fund Agent. Our statistical report has been forwarded to the Stated Clerk, our Travel Fund paid in full, and all our members are accounted for.

Respectfully submitted,
Ronald V. Good, Clerk

REPORT OF THE ST. LAWRENCE PRESBYTERY

The St. Lawrence Presbytery would respectfully report that since the last meeting of Synod we have held our annual Fall meeting at Rochester, N.Y. on October 11, 12, 1977 and a Spring meeting at Syracuse, N.Y. on March 28, 1978.

Almonte, Lisbon, Rochester Fellowship, Syracuse, and Walton have settled pastors. Lochiel is without pastor or stated supply. Rev. F. F. Reade is living with a daughter in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

There are six men under the care of our Presbytery. George Hueber has graduated from the Reformed Presbyterian Seminary and is worshipping with Covenant Fellowship in Pittsburgh. Richard Ganz has completed his final year at Westminster Seminary and is serving at the Christian Counseling Center in Philadelphia. Walter (Kit) Swartz has completed his second year at the Reformed Presbyterian Seminary. Carter Rowe and Martin Wilsey have completed the first year at the Reformed Presbyterian Seminary. Jonathan Watt is anticipating beginning seminary work this fall.

George Hueber and Dr. Richard Ganz have been duly licensed by the Presbytery; Mr. Hueber in 1976 and Dr. Ganz in October, 1977.

Presbyterial oversight continues. Syracuse was visited this year. Summer camps were conducted including the following: a regular family camp at White Lake in cooperation with New York Presbytery, and a St. Lawrence Family Camp at a camp near Lisbon.

In addition to its regular activities Almonte sponsored a vacation Bible school with seventy students, a women's Bible study, and was in charge of some of the worship services at a retirement home in Almonte. Lisbon is rejoicing in their first year of being self-supporting and has been making improvements in the church building and the parsonage. Rochester Fellowship sponsored a student intern for the summer of 1977 and conducted a door-to-door campaign to make themselves known in the community. They rejoice in the addition of new people to the fellowship and the meeting of their financial needs through the Fellowship, the Presbytery and the Home Mission Board. This spring they conducted a series of four seminars in an effort to speak to the needs of their community. Syracuse has continued their seminar program with a series based on Paul's letter to the Ephesians. They have also rejuvenated the interior of their church building. Pastor Robson's radio ministry also continues. Walton has sponsored a number of spot announcements on the local radio station with the participation of a large part of the congregation. With the local ministerial association they also sponsored a seminar conducted by Dr. Richard Ganz on "The New Consciousness Movements".

The officers of the Presbytery are: Moderator, Paul Faris; Clerk, Robert Rice; Treasurer, John Ramsey; Chairman of the Ad Interim Commission, Robert McCracken.

The Statistical Report was forwarded to the clerk of Synod. The Travel Fund Agent for this meeting of Synod is Paul Loker.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert G. Rice, Clerk

REPORT OF THE JAPAN COMMISSION

Since the Commission's report to the 1977 Synod, the Commission has consisted of five ministers; Masunaga, Pennington, Spear, Sterrett, and Takiura; and three elders: Kojima, Nitta, and Shinoda. Mr. Pennington left on April 21, 1978, for the U.S. for a six-month furlough.

On September 4, 1977, Mr. Takiura was installed as the pastor of the Keiyaku congregation. On February 19, 1978, the Kasumigaoka congregation made out a call to Mr. Miwa to be their pastor. Mr. Miwa has accepted the call and is expected to take up this work in the sum-

mer of 1978 when he returns from the U.S. where he has been studying at the Reformed Presbyterian Seminary. When Mr. Miwa is installed as pastor at Kasumigaoka there will be Japanese pastors in all three of the organized congregations. We praise God for providing leadership for the church here and pray that He will continue to raise up the kind of leaders that the church needs.

In July and August of 1977, the Commission employed Mr. Yoshida, a member of the Reformed Church in Japan and a first year student at the Reformed Seminary in Kobe. Mr. Yoshida preached and assisted with Vacation Bible Schools in each of the three congregations.

In July 1977 a committee was appointed to work with Mr. Spear in locating a field for new work. The committee decided that a house should be purchased for the Spear family's use in an area east of Kobe. After many months of searching, a suitable house was found in the Mukonoso area between Kobe and Osaka, and the Spears moved into this house on May 6, 1978.

Progress is continuing in the Kita Suzurandai new work. In November of 1977 an apartment was rented for the Sterrett family near the homes of the Kojimas (Kasumigaoka members) and the Matsuzonos (Higashi Suma members). Various meetings are being held in the Sterrett's home and in a rented classroom with good attendance thus far. Most of the people in the area have only lived there for one or two years and are more easily contacted than in older more established areas.

In September of 1977 the ministers of the Commission met together for the first of regular bi-monthly study sessions. So far, counseling, pastoral visitation, and development of leadership, have been studied and discussed at these meetings.

In July 1977, the Kasumigaoka congregation completed payments on the church property and parsonage, and these were made the property of the Kasumigaoka congregation.

In November 1977, Mr. Takiura was asked to organize a Japan board of the Reformation Translation Fellowship. This board is to consist of volunteers for the purpose of aiding the RTF in its work.

At the January meeting of Commission, a new system was begun for the recording of Commission minutes. Until this time, minutes had always been taken in English, even though the meetings are held in Japanese. When minutes were read for approval at meetings, an oral translation was made into Japanese. At our November election of officers, Mr. Takiura was elected as clerk to be responsible for minutes in Japanese, and Mr. Sterrett to be responsible for minutes in English. At meetings, only the Japanese minutes are read. So far this seems to be a much more efficient system.

In last year's report, it was reported that, under the leadership of Mr. Pennington progress had been made on a tape recording of the Psalms to be used by members in learning to sing the Psalms. This recording has finally been completed, and was made available for distribution to the members early in the spring. The Commission expressed its thanks to Mr. Pennington for his leadership in this and to Mr. Matsuzono of the Higashi Suma Congregation for the use of his recording equipment and the many hours that he contributed to this project.

The minutes of the sessions were examined and found to be in order.

The statistical report has been forwarded to the Stated Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,
William J. Sterrett

Paul Martin led the Court in prayer for the Presbyteries.

It was moved that the Elders Conference be discontinued as a regular part of the meetings of Synod. The motion carried.

The Report of the Board of Home Mission was taken up. Item 1 and 2 were adopted. Item 4 was referred to the Committee on Finance. Item 5 was adopted. Item 6 was referred to the Nominating Committee.

The Court was adjourned in prayer by Edward Hindman.

TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 1978, 8:30 A.M.

Synod met pursuant to adjournment in the Chapel of Calvin Seminary, Grand Rapids, Michigan, on Tuesday, June 20, 1978, at 8:30 a.m. and was constituted in prayer by Robert McMillan.

The Roll was taken.

Duncan Lowe led in devotions from Colossians 1:24—2:7 on the theme "Paul and God's Plan".

The Minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

The following papers were received: Paper 78—7 from the Pittsburgh Presbytery concerning the pension paid to retired servants of the Church was referred to the Pension Trustees. The paper asks that the pensions under plan "A" be increased to $5,000 per year. Paper 78—8 from the New York Presbytery asks Synod to reconsider the requirement that students of Theology spend at least one year in our Seminary. It was referred to a special committee to be appointed by the Nominating Committee to report to the 1979 Synod. The paper asks that we reaffirm the need for an educated clergy.

The Report of the Board of Foreign Missions was taken up. Item 1 was referred to the Nominating Committee. Items 2, 3, and 4 were adopted. The Report was adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

"Declare His glory among the heathen . . . " Psalm 96:1

Our December meeting was held at Indianapolis, Indiana, and we enjoyed the hospitality of the congregation there. A public meeting was held in connection with this meeting, similar to those which were held in Kansas City and Beaver Falls last year. Much interest was shown in overseas mission work.

Following considerable study and correspondence, an Agreement was completed and signed between the Wycliffe Bible Translators and our board, making it possible for us to send out and support workers under W. B. T. Miss Christina Boyle has been receiving financial support through our Board since September, while working at the W. B. T. Home Office, and it is anticipated that by the time Synod meets that she will be working as a translator in Papua New Guinea.

With regard to the opening of new mission work, it is our conviction that we should concentrate on working with our sister Reformed Presbyterian Churches in other parts of thw world. The RPC in Australia has expressed a keen desire to work with our American church in church planting in Australia, and we have taken action to follow up this opportunity. We are offering assistance to the extent of calling for and supporting one teaching elder and his family; and are calling for other occupational personnel who would support themselves financially while contributing to this ministry. We would anticipate that the Australian church will take the initiative in planning such work, and that personnel from the RPCNA will work under their administration.

We are continuing correspondence with the RPC of Scotland, offering to assist them in response to their call for personnel and financial aid.

We will keep in contact with the Board of Foreign Missions of the RPC of Ireland and Scotland regarding the development of their plan for ministry in France, and plan to advertise to the church their needs.

A policy statement has been developed on the granting of ecclesiastical autonomy to national churches, and consider the following as the steps to be taken in accomplishing this purpose:

1. A presbytery will be formed.

2. Proposed doctrinal standards for the national church will be formulated by the Presbytery. While the counsel of the ordained Missionary personnel should be sought in this work, the responsibility for it will rest with the Presbytery.
3. Decisions will need to be made regarding material properties belonging to the RPCNA, and concerning the relationship of the Board of Foreign Missions and mission personnel to the new church. (Final disposition will be made after autonomy is granted.)
4. Formal request will be made to the Synod of the RPCNA for autonomy to become a sister church.
5. When autonomy is granted, the Synod of the RPCNA will recognize the sister church.
6. It is assumed that there will be a close relationship of the new church with other Reformed Presbyterian Churches in the world, and with other evangelical and reformed churches.

Three members of our board attended the Foreign Missions Seminar of the NAPARC churches. These seminars are being held annually, and their overall purpose is to inform the several parent mission agencies of how our churches go about their missionary task and their performance in carrying it out. No action which is taken can bind the individual agencies.

A joint committee was formed with the Home Mission Board to study the possibility of cross cultural/inner city work in the U.S.

Laura Boye returned from her work in Scotland in November and did some deputation work this spring.

IN CYPRUS

The direct work of the Reformed Presbyterian Church as a mission in Cyprus has ceased, but our concern for the growth of the church and for the continued service of the Academies continues. We should keep ourselves prepared to respond to their call for personnel to assist them in the work of the kingdom.

The Greek Evangelical Church of Cyprus has entered a fellowship relation with the Greek Evangelical Church in Greece which recognizes the independence and doctrinal and practical differences between them. The purpose of the fellowship is for mutual edification, encouragement and cooperation in the gospel. The church in Cyprus has not been successful in calling a pastor. They are in correspondence with Argos Zodhiates to assist them in securing a minister, and possibly to give time himself to ministry.

Ruth Reade continues to be the principal of the Academy in Nicosia under the employment of the Alpha and Omega Evangelical Educational Foundation. Thomas Edgar is the principal of the Larnaca

Academy. Daniel Copeland is employed by the Foundation as a teacher in Larnaca.

The property used by the schools has now been transferred to the respective Foundations as authorized by Synod. The Carithers Memorial property is being sold. The details of the transfer of the church property in Larnaca and the cemetery are being worked out with the church in Cyprus. At present we are retaining the mission house and grounds in Larnaca.

Let us remember in prayer those who continue to labour in Cyprus and the church to whom we have committed in the Lord the work of the kingdom.

IN JAPAN

This has been a year of change and consolidation in the work of the church in central Japan, and God is being glorified as He continues to make stronger the various congregations and mission works.

Shigeru Takiura, after a year of study at Reformed Seminary in Jackson, Mississippi, returned to Japan to be installed pastor of the Keiyaku Church.

The apartment, built as a part of the new church building, had been occupied by the Sterretts, but now houses the Takiura family. The transition from a missionary pastor to a national pastor is both a blessed and a difficult event. We urge the Church in America to support with fervent prayer the Keiyaku Church and its pastor.

Toshio Masunaga has experienced much mental and physical weakness since his return to his homeland and the Higashi Suma Church. He is much improved, and has resumed his full work there, seeking to profit from counsel given him.

James Pennington and family arrived in the U.S. on April 21, 1978 on furlough. He will be doing limited deputation work during their six months at home. The Kasumigaoka congregation, where he has been working, called Nobuo Miwa to be its pastor. Mr. Miwa plans to return to be installed into that relationship. Mr. Miwa has completed over a year and a half of study at our Seminary in Pittsburgh.

William Sterrett and family are renting a house in the new mission area selected by the Commission in Japan, Kita Suzurandai. The Sterretts, forming part of a team effort there with two other Japanese Christian families, have seen God greatly bless the outreach efforts. There are weekly prayer meetings, a monthly Bible Study for women involving also crafts, arts and cooking skills, also a number of adult classes, and children's classes. The Sterretts plan to begin their furlough in December 1978 after a full five year term. They will be visiting both Cyprus and the U.S. during their furlough.

Oreta Everett and Orlena Lynn continue to work in many types of tasks. Miss Everett resumed major responsibilities in the complex bookkeeping work for the Mission along with some classes. Miss Lynn continues to give the major part of her time to the Covenanter Book Store and its important work.

Patsy Boyle is continuing her work in Japan as a "Mission Associate".

The Okamoto house where the Spears have lived, and which served as a church-house for so long, has been sold, and has been occupied by the new owners, as of May 15. It is planned to start a new work nearer Osaka and the search for a suitable house as headquarters has been a long and taxing effort. The need for prayer support for expanding areas of work is great.

Charles Chao continues in the work of the Reformation Translation Fellowship and the board increased its support of this work this past year. An effort is being made to start a branch of this work in Japan. The board has considered the recommendation regarding work among the Chinese in Taiwan but have no action to report.

Recommendations:

1. That since the terms of E. R. Hemphill, Robert Henning, Louis D. Hutmire, and Mrs. Waldo Mitchel expire their successors should be elected.
2. That the Japan Commission be made up of all ordained ministers and one elder from each congregation.
3. That, when details are available from the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Australia, the Foreign Mission Board be authorized to call for an ordained teaching elder and family and for two self-support persons/families to be engaged in a church planting ministry under the R. P. C. of Australia.
4. That the Board be authorized to pass on to the church any call for personnel that may come from the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Scotland.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert A. Henning,
Executive Secretary

The Rev. Mr. David Compton a visitor from the Free Church of Scotland in Toronto, Canada was introduced to the Court.

It was moved that the Board of Foreign Missions be asked to five careful consideration to a change of its name and enlargement of its scope of service and report to next Synod. The motion carried.

The Report of the Board of Home Missions was taken up. Item 3 was adopted. The Report was adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS

The Board would respectfully report that 2 meetings were held since the last meeting of Synod, with the Executive Committee taking care of pressing matters between meetings. It is expected that another meeting will be held at this Synod. The officers are: President, Robert B. McCracken; Vice President, Don Willson; and Secretary, A. Wayne Duffield; Louis D. Hutmire, as denominational Treasurer, is a member and Treasurer of the Board, ex offico.

The Board finished 1977 with a balance of $12,658, which is being applied to the 1978 budget, and it will be reflected in our request for 1979. This balance represents an increase of approximately $10,000 over what was originally anticipated. This was due in part to an increase in endowments and bequests along with a reduction in aid to the New York Presbytery for Montclair. A total of $71,691 was disbursed in 1977 with $37,439 of this amount going to supplement the work of the presbyteries.

In 1977 the Board, through the presbyteries, supported 4 new works (Easton Area, Hays, Westminster, Rochester), 7 aid receiving congregations (Hetherton, Marion, Park City, San Diego, Selma, Washington), 1 mission station (Montclair), and the Southern Mission. Aid for Hetherton was granted subsequent to the last meeting of Synod in the light of special needs. Additional funds were also granted to the Rochester Fellowship for a series of evangelistic seminars. The Board considers both of these latter grants to be special cases with neither setting a precedent.

The Board has continued to support the work of the Southern Mission through the Ohio-Illinois Presbytery, and plans to continue this arrangement. In 1977 $14,906 was expended for the work of the Southern Mission from the Southern Mission Account. An additional $9,478 was disbursed from the Board's Current Account in 1977 and $9,314 is budgeted and is being disbursed in monthly payments in 1978. The Board especially appreciates the hard work of the Ohio-Illinois Presbytery with respect to the Southern Mission.

Again this year the Board, in conjunction with RPTS, has set up a Summer Training and Placement Program. This program is an accredited part of the seminary course in Practical Theology. The internship program begins on June 1 and may continue to August 31. The Board assists congregations participating in this program with matching funds up to 50% of the summer salary. At the writing of this report it appears that Bob Hemphill will be working at Quinter, Bill Roberts at Shawnee, Dan Kepple at New Alexandria, Doug Boydston at Westminster, and Sam Sterrett at Greeley. There may also be some additional arrangements worked out before the summer.

The mandate of the 1977 Synod that "the Board of Home Missions and Board of Foreign Missions work together as boards or by joint committees in considering crosscultural mission work in North America and/or inn-city mission work" is being carried out. The joint committee consists of Glenn McFarland and Ed Robson from the Home Mission Board and Bob Henning and Robert Cathloth from the Foreign Mission Board.

At the April meeting of the Board the Committee presented a "Plan For Developing a Congregation in Anchorage", indicating that this was a good location for multi-cultural ministry. Phase 1 of the plan calls for the loan of a Pastor from the Pacific Coast Presbytery for up to 4 months and the calling of two families to go to Anchorage. Provided that the necessary workers can be obtained the Board approved $7,500 for 1978 and $10,000 for 1979 according to the terms of the plan. The actual implementation of the plan is also subject to the approval and financial support of the Foreign Mission Board.

Also in the area of new work, the Ohio-Illinois Presbytery presented to the Board at the April meeting a proposal for a one-time matching grant of $12,000 for an Internship Program. The objective is to start new congregations at Columbus, Indiana, and on Southside Indianapolis, and in the process to train a man (or men) to do the work of Church Extension and then to become Pastor(s) in this same ministry. In support of this program the Board has approved $2,000 for 1978 and $10,000 for 1979, provided that the interns are obtained.

A new promotional folder publicizing the denomination has been prepared by the Board for use by Presbyteries and congregations in church planting and evangelism. The idea of using a folder is so that the promotional materials and tracts which we already have may be placed inside along with any other materials that the presbytery or congregation may want to use. All of these materials can then be presented in an attractive manner to a group desiring to begin a new work, to one inquiring about the denomination, or to one who is seeking to find out about a particular congregation. This promotional piece is available to those who desire to use it.

The Spring meeting of the Board was held on April 28—29, 1978 at the Topeka, Kansas R.P. Church, in connection with which there was a seminar on "Church Growth". Dr. Roy Blackwood and various members of the Board addressed themselves to different aspects of church growth. A film was also shown to stimulate further thought and discussion. The Board hopes to hold other such seminars in areas where a number of congregations may be within driving distance. Inasmuch as the Board is made up in part of representatives of all the presbyteries the whole church should profit. The main presentations will also be made available to the church from the Board on tape.

Bruce Hemphill represented the Board at a meeting of the N. A. P. A. R. C. Home Mission Agencies on November 10, 1977, in St. Louis, Mo. At the writing of this report it is expected that Bruce Hemphill will be representing the Board at a similar meeting on April 13—14, 1978 at Covenant College. The purpose of these meetings is to share ideas, procedures, and information, and to encourage cooperation between the member churches in respective areas of work.

The Board has acted to revise its "Constitution" in changing the name of the "Aid to Presbyteries Committee" to the "Finance Committee" and to draw up a new job description for the committee. The new job description will be submitted on a separate sheet at the meeting of Synod.

Recommendations:

1. That the Board be authorized to make any necessary adjustments and grants as conditions may warrant.
2. That presbyteries carefully analyze and evaluate their own situation; especially their church extension program, that they pray and budget accordingly, and that they provide the Board with the necessary information as requested in the forms provided by the Board in order that wise decisions may be made in the use of the Lord's money.
3. That the supplements for the Church Extension Program of the various presbyteries (for 1979) be considered and approved at this meeting of Synod.
4. That the Home Mission Board be granted $51,625 from Synod's budget.
5. That the "Constitution" of the Board be amended changing the name of the "Aid to Presbyteries Committee" to the "Finance Committee" and that the attached job description be approved.

   The Finance Committee shall:

   1. Be responsible to be a resource committee for all Board financial policies, and policies of Synod affecting the Board;
   2. Have referred to them all major requests for Board funds for recommendation to the Board or the Executive Committee for final action;
   3. Prepare, distribute, and receive all annual request forms for financial assistance from the presbyteries; and
   4. Formulate from the financial aid requests and other known needs an annual budget for the Home Mission Board.

6. That at this meeting of Synod the representatives from the Midwest Presbytery, the New York Presbytery, the Pacific Coast Pres-

bytery, and 2 Synod appointees, one of who is to be a woman, be elected. A person to fill the unexpired term of Arlan Ramsay (Class of '79) should also be elected. (Those whose terms expire at this meeting are: Mrs. William Long, William Finley, Glenn McFarland, Bruce Hemphill, and Donald Willson.)

Respectfully submitted,
A. Wayne Duffield
Secretary

The Report of the Board of Education and Publication was taken up. Item 1 was referred to the Committee on Finance. Item 2 was referred to the Nominating Committee. Item 3 was divided. Item 3a was adopted. Item 3b was referred back to the Board for the consideration of less expensive ways of publishing the Minutes. Items 4 and 5 were adopted. The Court proceeded to hear Mr. Nickerson and Mr. Bittner. The Report was adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND PUBLICATION—1978 SYNOD

The Board of Education and Publication met November 10, 1977 and March 24, 1978 on the campus of Geneva College. The new officers of the Board are: Don Birdsall, president; Wendell Spear, vice-president; and Bruce Backensto, secretary. Lou Hutmire serves as the Board's treasurer. The Board is divided into two departments, one on Education and one on Publication. The departmental members, chairmen and directors are: Education—Wendell Spear, '80, chairman; Lee Bittner, '81, director; Roy Adams, '80; Karl Cunningham, '78; David Carson, '79; and Robert McFarland, '79. Publication—Norman Carson, '78, chairman; Ron Nickerson, '80, director; Bruce Backensto, '79; Don Birdsall, '78; Joe Caskey, '80; Joe Copeland, '80; and Charles McBurney, '78.

The Director of Educational Services reports activity in five areas. In the area of Curriculum Development, Mr. Bittner has worked closely with the Director of Publications in the production of **Psalm Teaching Aids for Children** by Mrs. Jocele McDonald. Assignments for the proposed curriculum for Juniors are being made to people who showed an interest in writing for this series. A study of the life of John Calvin for grades four through six may be published by the Board entitled **Meet John Calvin: His Life and Teachings** by Mrs. Jean Shaw (RPCES). A workbook has been developed with this study containing fifteen Psalms, one with each lesson. A DES Quarterly Newsletter has been introduced. Hopefully this will keep the denomination better

informed of Mr. Bittner's activities. Also, work has been done on an evaluation of various materials available for youth work. Results of this were made available to you through the DES Newsletter.

In the area of Field Work, Mr. Bittner has conducted teacher and/or curriculum seminars in Syracuse, N.Y.; Orlando, Fl.; and Selma, Al. At each of these seminars a display of our own "Crown and Covenant Publications" has been taken. A Sunday School Convention was attended and the Reformed Youth Movement will be attended by our DES. The Reformed Youth Movement is to be hald on the campus of Geneva College. Workshops on establishing "teaching goals" were held in the Pittsburgh-Ohio area during February and March of 1978.

A newly developing area of ministry under the direction of our DES has been the organization of a singing group of college age persons called "New Song". This quintet traveled from May 29—August 7, 1977, over 12,500 miles visiting 11 states and 44 churches of 10 denominations. Dr. Robert Copeland of the Shawnee RPC was in charge of the musical arrangements for the Psalms used.

In the area of Youth Work our DES is proposing a dinner shortly after Geneva College opens in the Fall. This idea grew out of a meeting held during the 1977 meeting of Synod with the various "Youth Secretaries" of our presbyteries and a questionnaire sent to all 11 presbytery "Youth Secretaries" following the meeting of Synod. This dinner will be arranged by the RP congregations in the Beaver Falls area. The youth attending the dinner will be presented with the vision of the denomination and their part in it. Although there will not be a National Staff as in years past there will be some form of national involvement on the part of the youth in three proposed areas. 1) A National Conference Staff in the sense of each position held by an adult being "understudied" by a youth. 2) A National Service Staff. 3) A National Publications Staff of young people. The details of these areas of youth involvement will be worked out.

1980 is rapidly coming upon us and that is the year scheduled for our denomination's next National Conference. Specific job descriptions are being "updated" for Conference personnel as well as their relation to the Synod and this Board. These job descriptions will be before the Synod in 1979 for your approval.

The DES continues to serve as an information center for the promotion of Christian Day Schools within the RPCNA. Those wanting information please be in contact with Mr. Bittner.

The Director of Publications reports his activities in the area of **Witness** publishing and the production of other materials since the last meeting of Synod as being a very rewarding and stimulating service to the RPC. The **Covenanter Witness** for 1978 has taken the theme

"**Christ The King**" in keeping with the fact that our Board merged with the Witness Committee in 1976. By using "Christ the King" it was thought that our particular distinguishing features could be presented not only in their biblical light but also their historical. The willingness of many to prepare articles and copy for the pages of the **Witness** is greatly appreciated. The subscription cost of the **Witness** remains at †6.00 per year for a 24 issue, 16 page magazine. Synod is reminded that this $6.00 subscription rate only covers about half of the expenses for the production of the **Witness** while the contributed budget underwrites the other 50%. The emphasis has increasingly been placed on the life of the Church during 1978.

In the area of publication work the Publication Department has seen three studies by Dr. J. G. Vos reproduced. Studies on the Kingdom from the Gospels, studies in Proverbs and Ephesians have been reproduced. These items not only sell well within the denomination, but are highly regarded works outside our denomination as well. The work by Mrs. Jocele McDonald, "Let Thy Majesty and Power Upon Our Children Be" (it is the same work mentioned earlier by Mrs. McDonald on the 'psalms illustrated'). A third edition of the **Psalms for Singing** has been produced with the book in leather for those interested. The new Psalm recording "Power of Praise" has been produced. The **Minutes of Synod** continue being produced by our publication department. A library of cassette tapes available for sale is being formed. Tracts along the order of "Who We Are", "Come Join With Us", and "Why We Sing Psalms" are hopefully to be ready by Synod entitled: "How Christ Is King", "A Cappella Praise", and "Keeping the Lord's Day". The office of Publications offers a direct mailing service to all congregations of which the Board hopes congregations avail themselves.

The Board considers the Directors, Lee P. Bittner, III and Ronald W. Nickerson, to be interested in the welfare and growth of the Body of Christ within the Reformed Presbyterian Church. Mr. Nickerson's present term expires in December 1979. The Board has decided to seek the services of a new director of publications, thus terminating the services of Mr. Nickerson. It is the Board's intent to present a new nominee for the position at the 1979 meeting of Synod to fill the position in January, 1980. We request Synod's help in this search through prayer and suggestions. The Board reminds Synod that Mr. Bittner serves this Board and our denomination on a 50/50 basis (i.e. salary and time) with Geneva College. With this meeting of Synod the indicates that Dr. Norman Carson will be leaving the Board as he has served two terms.

The Board submits the following recommendations:

1. That the Board of Education and Publication's budget request for

1979 be approved in the amount of $60,818.00.

2. That the terms of J. D. Birdsall, Norman Carson, Karl Cunningham, and Charles McBurney, which expire this year, be filled by **three** persons.

3a. That Synod authorize the Board to print 675 copies of the **1978 Minutes of Synod** to be sold for $5.00 per copy, postage paid;

3b. The **1979 Minutes** to be sold at the production cost (approximately $8.50 postage paid).

4. That the 1980 National Conference be held in conjunction with the Synod.

5. That the Synod give up to five minutes each to Mr. Nickerson and Mr. Bittner to address Synod as servants of the Board and Synod.

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce R. Backensto, Secretary

ADDENDUM TO THE REPORT OF THE EDUCATION AND PUBLICATION BOARD

Reasons for keeping the National Conference and Synod together in 1980.

The ideal situation would be to separate by time the two meetings because Synod realizes that a national conference is going on in which its members do not (virtually) participate. The Conference suffers because of the lack of input from members of the Synod. And, Synod in the regular course of its deliberations, frequently deals in issues and concerns of a controversial nature, which may have, and have had, an unfortunate impact on the Conference.

It is the thinking of the Board that a concurrent meeting of the 1980 Synod and the National Conference is warranted for the following reasons:

Time: That is, some members would not be able to attend both Synod and a National Conference. The two weeks of meetings would require the better part of three weeks of time. This comes about because the Conference usually runs from the middle of one to the next week. There are those who indicate the financial ability for the two meetings, but express serious doubts that the time could be secured.

Cost: Some members of Synod would experience difficulty in paying for a National Conference where the Synod's Travel Fund would not be an assistance. It is believed that many members of Synod would not attend the Conference under this circumstance.

Charges against the travel fund are substantially higher in national conference years. In part because the conference location in Minnesota is not central to a large number of our churches, and partly to the fact that some members of Synod attend a Synod-National Conference that do not attend a "regular" Synod.

A large number of the members of Synod drive to a Synod-National Conference, and take their families or other person along in the car. When this occurs Synod's Travel Fund develops maximum utility for the travel dollar expended.

Someone points out that the Book of Church Government provides that there shall be a meeting of Synod each year! It may be that Synod could meet for one day—and then devote the rest of the time to the National Conference.

Conclusion: The Board assumes that everyone agrees that to have separate meetings of Synod and the National Conference would be the best arrangement. But, believes that the nature of the situation is such that in 1980 a concurrent meeting of Synod with the National Conference is indicated.

Respectfully submitted,
J. D. Birdsall

The Court took recess in prayer by Don Gouge.

TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 1978, 1:30 P.M.

The Court was reconvened in prayer by William Russell.

The minutes were read and adopted.

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Paper 78—9 regarding the changing of the Seminary Professors' Departmental Responsibility and the election of professors to the Seminary Faculty was referred to the Seminary Board.

Mr. Arthur Bordon, representative from the American Bible Society, addressed the Court on behalf of the Society.

David Peachy and Charles Leach were introduced to the Court as members of the denomination licensed to Preach the Gospel.

The Report of the Committee to Revise the Testimony was taken up. Chapter 4 was taken up, corrections were noted, and it was adopted by more than a two-thirds majority vote. Chapter 14 was taken up; corrections were noted, and it was adopted by more than two-thirds majority vote. Chapter 17 was taken up; corrections were noted, and it was adopted by more than two-thirds majority vote. Chapter 19 was taken up, corrections were noted, and it was adopted by more than two-thirds majority vote. Chapter 21 was taken up; corrections were noted and it was referred back to the committee.

Paper 78—10 regarding the constitution of Pro Ranata Meetings for the purpose of changing the time of meetings of Synod or Presbytery was referred to the Judicial Committee.

The Report of the Committee on Questions on Covenanting was taken up.

The Court was recessed in prayer by Joe Yelder.

TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 1978, 7:30 P.M.

The Court was reconvened in prayer by Isaac Ver Hage.

The Roll was noted.

The minutes were read and adopted.

The Court proceeded to the hearing of the Report of John Edger, the Court's representative to the Classis meeting of the Reformed Church in the United States commonly known as the Eureka Classis. The Report was received and is spread in the Appendix to the Minutes.

The Court heard words of greeting from Pastor William Buursma, fraternal delegate from the Christian Reformed Church.

Pastor David Compton brought greetings from the Free Church of Scotland. He is pastor of a congregation in Toronto.

Pastor Paul Treick, brought greetings from the Reformed Church in the United States (Eureka Classis) as their fraternal delegate to our court.

The Rev. Mr. Paul Colenbrander, representative of the World Home Bible League, addressed the Court on behalf of the League.

Ray Blair, delegate of the Court to the Convention of the National Association of Evangelicals brought his report. The Report was received and is included in the Appendix to the Minutes.

The Report of the Board of Trustees of Synod was taken up. The Report was laid on the table until after the discussion of denominational finances on Wednesday afternoon. The substitute motion was to be retained.

The Report of the Board of Pension Trustees was taken up. Item 4 was referred back to the Board. The Report was received and is as follows:

REPORT OF PENSION TRUSTEES

We are thankful to God for His provision for the servants of the church. We should not forget the contribution we make to those who have served their Lord and His church long and faithfully.

We provided pensions for twelve couples and twenty-eight single persons during 1977. This will be increased by pensions for nine couples and one single person in 1978. We have budgeted $79,000 for 1978 which represents an increase of $4,000 over this year. Our proposed budget for 1979 of $100,000 includes a ten percent increase in pensions, the first such increase in many years.

Fred Cretors resigned from the Pension Trustees effective July 20, 1977. Donald Weilersbacher was appointed by the trustees to fill this vacancy subject to the appointment of Synod.

The trustees in examining the accounts of participants in Plan "B" found that a few people had made over payments and refunds were made to them.

Recommendations:

1. That Synod elect Donald Weilersbacher to fill the unexpired term of Fred Cretors.
2. That successors to R. E. Dill and Robert Morrow whose terms expire this year be elected. We nominate these men to succeed themselves.
3. That Synod grant the Pension Trustees the amount of $35,050 from Synod's Budget for 1979.

The Report of the Committee on the Questions on Covenanting was taken up.

The Court was adjourned in prayer by Ray Blair.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 1978, 8:30 A.M.

The Synod met pursuant to adjournment at the Chapel of Calvin Seminary on Wednesday, June 21, 1978 at 8:30 a.m.

The Court was constituted in prayer by Bruce Martin.

Robert McMillan led the Court in devotions preaching from Colossians 2:8—23 on the theme "Warning:False Teaching".

The minutes were read and adopted.

An offering of $454.70 was received.

The Report of the Trustees of the Seminary was taken up. Item 1 was referred to the Nominating Committee. Items 2, 3, and 4 were adopted. A substitute for item 5 was adopted. Item 6 was adopted. The Court heard from President Stewart on behalf of the Seminary. His report is in the Appendix to the Minutes. The Report was adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY 1978

The Board of Trustees gratefully acknowledges the guidance and power of our Sovereign God throughout the year. All praise and honor to Him through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

The Board notes the retirement from their number of Dr. D. Ray Wilcox, a member for many years who, throughout this long service, performed the duties of a board member faithfully and well.

FACULTY

Dr. S. Bruce Willson concluded his formal teaching responsibilities in the Seminary at the end of this academic year, having served his Lord and Church for 25 years in our Seminary. Throughout this past year he continued to teach and counsel and acted as Registrar for the Seminary. Dr. Bruce Stewart divided his time between teaching and administration. Additional time spent in administrative duties included increased need for publicity and fundraising. Dr. Clark Copeland continued to carry a heavy load in both Old and New Testament studies. Charles Leach assisted him by teaching some courses in Greek and Hebrew reading. Dr. Wayne Spear, with the burden of pre-doctoral studies no longer upon him, was able to concentrate on teaching courses in Homeletics and Systematic Theology. Miss Anne Frolich continued as Librarian. Dr. J. Renwick Wright will begin his term of service with the Seminary July 1, 1978, by which time he will have taken some course work to prepare him for his new duties.

STAFF

Mrs. Doris Willson completed her work this year in the Seminary office. She has fulfilled this largely thankless task with care and faithfulness over the past years. Her replacement is being sought.

CLASSES

Summer school classes in Beginning Greek were held in 1977. 11 students took this course. Approximately $1700 was taken in for this program with expenses totalling $1200. The Field Work Program operated in the summer of 1977 also. Seven men participated in the program in various congregations across the country. During the 1977-78 academic year three lecture series were hald in the Seminary. In November, Dr. Robert Copeland lectured on music, in March, Rev. Carl Bogue lectured in theology, and in April, Rev. Donald MacNair lectured in pastoral theology.

STUDENTS

During the academic year 40 students were enrolled in courses in the Seminary. Six denominations were represented. There were thirteen members of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, N.A. in the student body. There were three students in the senior class: Earl Cassel, Robert Hemphill, and Nobuo Miwa.

Throughout the year the Seminary Wives organization met together regularly for fellowship.

FINANCES

As of December 31, 1977, the Seminary had received income totalling $130,695. Expenditures to that date were $126,698. With a beginning balance of $2,871, the balance at the year's end was $6,868. Tuition income was $19,305. Investment income was $19,500. Bequests amounted to $1,786. Gifts income totalled $18,172. Among these gifts were those from Mrs. Cecil MacLaughlin ($2,000), Dr. James Gardner ($1,000), Mrs. A. D. Robb in memory of Andrew D. Robb ($1,000), Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. G. McKnight, Jr. in memory of Dr. R. J. G. McKnight ($1,000 for the president's office), and the Women's Synodical ($1,091).

The Board approved a project for the year of raising a total in gifts of $25,000 in recognition of Dr. S. Bruce Willson's 25 years of service to the Seminary. The response to this project has been gratifying. The fund received $5,515 in 1977 and to April 10, 1978, had received $4,285 additionally. (These totals are reflected in the "gifts" totals above.)

The Board approved an increase in tuition for 1978-79 of 10 percent and authorized the president and Finance Committee to make similar adjustments in fees as are deemed advisable. The Board also increased the insurance on the Seminary building, making sure that it is covered for a minimum of 80 percent of its replacement cost. As of

May 31, 1978, the Seminary Pension Plan was discontinued. The Board authorized the Seminary to begin paying on June 1, 1978, one half of the faculty members' social security tax in line with the policy of similar institutions.

BOARD OFFICERS

The officers of the Board are:

President: Lester E. Kilpatrick
Vice President: John D. Edgar
Secretary: Norman M. Carson
Treasurer: Louis D. Hutmire

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the following names be referred to Synod's Nominating Committee as nominations to the Board of Trustees of the Seminary:
   a. (To fill the unexpired term of J. Renwick Wright, class of 1982) Harold Harrington, Edward Robson.
   b. (For the class of 1984) Lester E. Kilpatrick, William Russell (present incumbents) and Robert McCracken.
2. That Dr. Bruce C. Stewart be heard by Synod on behalf of the Seminary.
3. That Dr. S. Bruce Willson be named President and Professor of Church History, Emeritus.
4. That Synod grant approval to the Seminary's offering in 1979 a Pre-Synodical Program of Continuing Education "Pastor's Refresher Course").
5. Since there is no record of the Board calling for nominations for the position of Professor of Old Testament Studies as directed by the consittution of the Board that Clark Copeland be appointed for an additional year (Spring 1979 to Spring 1980) as Professor of Old Testament Studies, and that nominations are now called for from Synod.
6. Nominations for the position of Systematic Theology are to be given to the Board at this meeting of Synod. Wayne Spear presently fills that position.

Respectfully submitted,
Norman M. Carson

The following resolution was adopted: That, since no statement was made in regard to the relationship of the Greek Evangelical Church in Cyprus when autonomy was granted in 1976, Synod declare this Church to be a sister Church.

Argos Zodhiates reported to the Court on the plans to assist the Greek Evangelical Church in Cyprus.

The Report of the Graduate Study Fund was taken up, received and is as follows:

GRADUATE STUDY FUND

The only application for help from this Fund came from Paul Copeland who is engaged in Graduate Study at the University of Glasgow in Scotland.

Balance in the Fund, January 1977		$ 458.09
Receipts: Sale of Manuscript	$ 7.50	
Receipts: Synod's Budget	400.00	407.50
		$865.59
Disbursements: Loan		500.00
Balance, December 1977		$365.59

Respectfully submitted,
J. Donald Birdsall
Edwin C. Clarke
Bruce C. Stewart, Chm.

The Report of the Committee to Consider the Relocation of the Seminary was taken up. Item 1 was stricken. Item 2 was adopted. The Report was received and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER THE RELOCATION OF THE SEMINARY

The committee had one meeting on 28 April 1978 with all the members present. The following two motions represent the conclusion that the Committee reached concerning its charge.

"In our discussion we have concluded that there would not be significant saving in **operating** expense by relocating the Seminary."

"We explored the possibility of net capital gain or loss from selling the Seminary building and cost reduction through sharing of College faculty and buildings and concluded that proper consideration would require a major feasibility study that is beyond the capacity of this committee."

Recommendations:

1. That the committee be discharged.

Respectfully submitted,
D. Felker (College)
B. Willson
L. Kilpatrick (Seminary)
J. Tweed
D. McBurney, (Trustees of Synod)
D. Mullinnix, Chairman

The Report of the Committee on Synodical Proceedures was taken up, and corrections were noted. It was moved that rules governing the debating of the Report of the Committee to Revise the Testimony be invoked for the debating of this report. The motion carried.

Dr. George Fuller, executive Secretary of the (NPRF) National Presbyterian and Reformed Fellowship, addressed the Court.

Pastor John Perkins of the Voice of Calvery and the Speaker at the NPRF breakfast, addressed the Court.

Charles Boyce, Assistant Editor of the Presbyterian Journal was introduced to the Court.

The Report of the Committee on Synodical Proceedures was taken up. Paragraph II was taken up and adopted by a two-thirds majority vote. Paragraph III was taken up and referred back to the committee. Paragraph VI was taken up and adopted by a two-thirds majority vote. Paragraph IX was taken up and referred to the Committee. Paragraph X was taken up and adopted by more than a two-thirds majority vote. Paragraphs XII and XIII were taken up and adopted by more than a two-thirds majority vote. Paragraph XIV was taken up and adopted by more than a two-thirds majority vote. Paragraph XVII was taken up and returned to the Committee.

The Court was recessed in prayer by Ren Tacy.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 1978, 1:30 P.M.

The Court was reconvened in prayer by Howard Elliott.

The minutes were read, corrected, and adopted.

The Roll was noted.

The Court proceeded to the Order of the Day—the discussion of demoninational finances as called for in paper 78-2. Forty-five minutes were alloted for this discussion. Paper 78-2 is as follows:

Fathers and Brethren,

It seems to us that the usual practice of Synod when it comes to discussion of denominational Finance has been for matters to reach the floor of Synod so late in the week that there is very little opportunity to do anything else except approve the report prepared by the Finance Committee. This, we believe, is not the best procedure. We believe that there should be opportunity for full discussion of financial policy **early** in the week, so that Synod might guide the Finance Committee as to policy rather than being guided by it.

Furthermore, we believe that the basic financial philosophy of our denomination should come under review—that is, whether we should continue depending so largely upon our investment income, and accepting the limitations this imposes on us, or whether we should spend our capital for vital present needs and move denominational finances to a more pay-as-you-go basis. Such a discussion, perhaps led by a panel of those who have intelligent opinions on both sides of the issue, might be of great help in clarifying our thinking and preparing us for some of the difficult decisions we must make.

We, the undersigned, therefore, request the Moderator to fix a time and a format for such a discussion to take place at this meeting of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,
Donald Weilersbacher
Duncan Lowe
A. Wayne Duffield

The Rev. Mr. Paul Schrotenboer, executive-secretary of the Reformed Ecumenical Synod, was introduced to the Court.

The Report of the Board of Trustees of Synod was taken up. Item 11a was adopted and referred to the Nominating Committee for implementation. Item 11b was adopted. Item 11 was adopted. Item 12 was referred to the committee referred to in connection with item 11. Items 13 and 14 were adopted. The Report was adopted and is as follows:

TRUSTEES OF SYNOD 1977 ANNUAL REPORT

The Trustees of the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America held three regular meetings since the last meeting of Synod. The officers elected at the September 1977 meeting are the same as those for the previous year: John M. Mitchell, President; Stewart M. Lee, Vice-President; and Louis D. Hutmire, Secretary. L. D. Hutmire also serves as the Denominational Treasurer and is the liason between the Trustees and all other Boards of the Church.

Various responsibilities of the Board are assigned to standing committees for research, recommendations, and some decisions, as well as to occasional special purpose committees as needed. A summary of the standing committees and their activities follow:

1. The Executive Committee handles routine interim work of the Board such as the executing of legal documents which are necessary periodically and the making of minor decisions to provide for the smooth operation of the Board's work.
2. The Investment Committee oversees the investment portfolio, which changed very little during the past year.
3. The Building Loan Committee administers mortgage loans, at a nominal rate of interest, to congregations, pastors, and employees of Synod, according to the Policies and Procedures adopted by the 1975 Synod (**Minutes**, pp. 137-38).
4. The Stewardship Committee promotes "Synod's Contributed Budget" through the **Covenanter Witness** and various mailings directly to congregations.

The Trustees have cooperated with the Foreign Mission Board in handling the sale and transfer of various properties in Cyprus. The academies in Larnaca and Nicosia have been deeded over to the respective organizations that are now operating them. Decisions have been made to sell the Carithers Hall Properties in Larnaca for 75,500 Cypriot Pounds, which have been approved by the Central Bank of Cyprus. Special thanks should be given to Mr. Thomas M. Edgar for acting as the Trustees agent in Cyprus and for his assistance in taking care of the legal formalities.

Professional services being rendered to the Board are from the following: McKee-Harrison, Inc., Indianapolis, Investment Advisor; Paine, Webber, Jackson & Curtis, Inc., Pittsburgh, Broker of Record; Charles E. McKissock, Pittsburgh, Legal Counsel; and Haskins & Sells, CPA's, Pittsburgh, Auditors. This is the first year that Haskins & Sells, an international public accounting firm, has conducted the audit. The change was made primarily in an attempt to provide a fresh approach in the accounting and reporting, which reflects the overall finances of the denomination in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Copies of the Audit Report are available at Synod.

During the past year, a mortgage of $20,000 from the General Investment Funds, mas been placed with the Sterling Congregation for its new church building. This action is in accordance with the Trustees' report to Synod in 1975 (**Minutes**, pp. 139-40) giving notice of the Board's intention to invest a portion of the General Investment Funds in congregational mortgages.

Demand for mortgage loans from the "Building Loan Fund" con-

tinues to be strong. There is concern by the Trustees that more funds are being used for mortgages for pastors and Synod's employees than for congregational buildings, causing a shortage of funds, as well as other problems. This matter is currently under study, and the Board hopes to make its recommendations for revision to the 1979 Synod. New mortgages placed from this Fund in 1977 were: Easton Area Fellowship, $10,000; New Alexandria Congregation, $3,000; Sterling Congregation, $20,000 plus the $20,000 described earlier; Lee P. Bittner, $3,500; and Donald Weilersbacher, $5,000. There is currently a backlog of applications for mortgages. The following congregations have paid off their loans in 1977: Lisbon, Manchester and Shawnee.

Contributions to "Synod's Contributed Budget" from congregations were slightly above those in 1976, which is an encouraging sign. The following table shows a comparison by years as well as the source of the funds:

"SYNOD'S CONTRIBUTED BUDGET"—ACTUAL

	1976	1977
Iowa	$ 18,239	$ 14,816
Midwest	44,995	54,489
New York	16,055	16,495
Ohio-Illinois	33,461	30,104
Pacific Coast	13,672	15,936
Pittsburgh	54,589	55,193
St. Lawrence	9,945	9,153
Total Pres. Contrib.	190,956	196,186
Women's Synodical	24,754	23,541
Undes. Funds of Synod	15,008	5,614
Contingent Account		18,175
Individuals	11,429	7,307
Beginning Balance	(10,684)	(36,537)
Cash Available	231,463	214,286
Amount Distributed	268,000	260,000
Balance	**$(36,537)**	**$(45,714)**

It is important to notice that the Beginning Balance (Deficit) has been increasing during the past three years: 1976, ($10,684); 1977, ($36,537); and 1978, ($45,714). This trend should not continue! The Trustees are concerned about this trend and are presenting a separate paper which urges Synod to appoint a committee to establish priorities for setting Synod's Budget.

The following bequests were received in 1977: Elizabeth Bruce, Manchester Congregation, $4,000.00 (designated in equal shares for the Home Mission Board, Foreign Mission Board, Seminary, and the Pension Board); Helen M. Wylie, Washington Congregation, $1,336.62 (designated for the Home Mission Board); Carrie McKnight, former New Concord Congregation, $17,306.93 (undesignated); Anna M. Johnson, $13,862.80 (designated for the Foreign Mission Board); Ina Jane Plumb Dudley, $228.97 (undesignated); and Dorothy Heinitz, Los Angeles Congregation, $765.08 (designated for the Seminary). Since January 1st, we received an undesignated bequest from the Isabella White Estate, Almonte, Canada, for $1,124.84, other designated funds from her estate are still in process.

Accident insurance is carried for anyone traveling on Synod or Presbytery business (**1972 Minutes**, pp. 148-49). A group hospitalization insurance plan is also administered by the Trustees. For more details on either plan, the Treasurer should be contacted.

Considerable time and thought was given to the advisability of changing the title "Synod's Contributed Budget", commonly known as "Synod's Budget" in order to reflect more accurately the purpose of the annual solicitation for donations, which supports, in part, all the programs of the Synod. Suggestions for a new title were asked for from readers of the **Covenanter Witness**. After lengthly deliveration, it was decided to recommend that the title be changed to "Denominational Ministries Giving Fund". If this new title is adopted, then such a change needs to be publicized and the members of the denomination be well informed. Further implementations would include changes in future financial reporting. For example, the title to a "Supplemental Income and Expense Schedule", bringing together all programs of the Synod, could be labeled "Denominational Ministries Income and Expense Schedule". A line item in the income section, currently "Synod's Budget", could be changed to the "Giving Fund".

An investigation was made during the past year into the possibility of purchasing Directors' and Officers' Liability Insurance to protect the Trustees, individually, from damages due to lawsuits on various grounds, such as mismanagement of funds, negligence, or conflicts-of-interest, except for fraud. Quotations of annual premiums were received from two insurance companies: one for $1,750, and the other for $1,350. An alternative, developed by the Board's legal counsel, is a By-Law Article, if adopted by Synod, would be added to the By-Laws of the Trustees of Synod at their next regular meeting.

Included in the Audit Report is a Supplemental Schedule which shows the details of the Securities Portfolio. The Pooled Investment Funds are administered according to the Market Value Method. The

following table shows the market value and income distribution for each participating share in the pool for the last five years:

POOLED INVESTMENT FUNDS—PER PARTICIPATING SHARE

Year	Market Value	Income Distribution
12/31/73	$4.029	$ .17486
12/31/74	2.846	.16487
12/31/75	3,600	.16731
12/31/76	4.310	.1760
12/31/77	4.142	.1985

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That successors to Joseph Lamont, Jr., Robert McConaughy, and Donald Mullinnix, whose terms expire at this meeting of Synod, be chosen; and the Trustees recommend that these men succeed themselves.
2. That L. D. Hutmire, whose term as Stated Clerk expires at this meeting of Synod, be re-elected for a three-year term.
3. That L. D. Hutmire, whose term as Denominational Treasurer expires on September 30, 1978, be re-elected for a three-year term.
4. That Joseph Lamont, Jr. and Francis S. Buck, who are delegates to this Synod, be appointed to serve on the Finance Committee at the 1978 Synod, due to the absence of three other regularly elected members from the Trustees (Lee, Mitchell, Windham).
5. That the 1977 Audit Report be approved and spread on the Minutes of Synod.
6. That the Office Expense Budget for 1979 of $48,395 be approved.
7. That the salary of the Treasurer for 1979 be $17,200 (a $1,200 increase).
8. That the Undesignated Funds of Synod which are as follows:

Carrie McKnight Bequest, New Concord	$17,306.93
Ina Jane Plumb Dudley Bequest	228.97
Isabella White, Almonte	1,124.84
J. J. McClurkin Funds	322.67
	$18,983.41

   be applied to the 1977 Synod's Budget deficit.
9. That the title to what is now called "Synod's Budget" be changed to "Denominational Ministries Giving Fund".

10. That the following proposed By-Law Article "Indemnification of Directors, Officers and/or Trustees" be adopted by Synod:

    Section 1. Each director, officer or trustee of this corporation, whether or not then in office or employed, shall be indemnified, reimbursed and held harmless by this corporation of, from and against any damage, liability, loss, claim or deficiency arising by reason of any lawsuit, judgement or award, of any kind (including reasonable attorney's fees and other costs and expenses incident to or in connection with any action, suit, procedings or claim) to which said director, officer or trustee may be made a party or prospective party by reason of any alleged act or thing alleged to have been done or omitted by said director, officer or trustee either alone or with others, as director, officer, or trustee of this corporation.

    The right to indemnification and reimbursement hereby granted shall extend also to amounts paid or agreed to be paid by said director, officer, or trustee in settlement of any such action, suit or proceeding instituted or threatened, if a majority of the remaining members (of the board of directors of this corporation) shall have, by resolution, approved said settlement either before or after its consummation. The right to indemnity and reimbursement hereby granted shall not be exclusive of, but shall be in addition to, all other rights to which any such director, officer or trustee shall be entitled as a matter of law or equity or canons of church government or otherwise howsoever. In any case in which liability for any such acts or omissions of any such director, officer or trustee is imposed or sought to be imposed upon the estate of such director, officer or trustee, the right of indemnification and reimbursement herein conferred on said director, officer or trustee shall extend to the heirs, executors and/or administrators of any such director, officer or trustee, or any of them.

    Provided, however, that no such director, officer or trustee shall be indemnified against or reimbursed for any claim, judgement, suit, order or decree costs or expenses paid or incurred by or imposed upon him in connection with any criminal action, suit for fraud or accounting in which, by reason of a violation of his obligation to this corporation or a derelection in the performance of any other affirmative act.

11. That the attached Paper to Synod from the Trustees regarding appointing a committee to recommend priorities for the distribution of denominational funds be adopted.

As a result of operating deficits in Synod's Budget which occured in several consecutive preceding years, Synod's Board of Trustees in 1977 recommended "that Synod establish an order of priority to be attached to the various denominational programs and that Synod develop annual budgets in balance with expected operating income". This recommendation was referred to Synod's Finance Committee, but their report to Synod gives no indication of having dealt with this issue in any way.

Another year has passed; and the contributed income to Synod's Budget in 1977 fell short of its goal by approximately $45,000, the largest annual deficit yet experienced. Since deficit spending results in depletion of capital which is needed for investment to provide a substantial share of current operating income, such deficits have a very adverse effect on denominational finances. Deficit spending cannot continue if the programs of the church are to be maintained on a sound financial footing. Neither can the deferral of annual deficits to succeeding years be continued as an acceptable operating procedure since the church has failed in recent years to raise the annual budgets set by Synod.

Two concurrent courses of action are extremely necessary. The church must increase its giving so that Synod's Budget is raised, and the budget must be set at a level which is in line with expected contributed income. In determining the amount of Synod's Budget each year, it is critical that Synod consider long-range goals and priorities rather than merely the annual funding request for each board or department in a given year. Programs of the church which are supported by funds from Synod's Budget should be regularly evaluated by Synod with respect to their progress, effectiveness, and necessity. We emphasize the fact that we have reached a financial crisis that requires a complete re-evaluation of our denominational priorities.

Recommendations:

11a. That Synod appoint a committee to make a thorough review of the denominational program priorities and financial policy and to suggest specific alternatives which will better help support the ministries of the denomination.

11b. That the committee be asked to provide scriptural grounds for recommended priorities, policies, and alternatives.

12a. That the guideline for setting Synod's Budget for a particular year be no more than the amount actually received from contributions for Synod's Budget for the previous calender year plus 15%.

Included in Note 9, of the December 31, 1977 Audit Report, is information concerning some aspects of the Pension Plans. The Trustees would like to emphasize, in particular, the Investments of Plan "A":

	Unrestricted Designated	Endowment	Total
Investments, at carrying value	$251,999	$114,082	$366,081
Investments, at market value	273,151	199,217	472,368

For the benefit of this discussion, the above terms in Note 1 of the Audit Report are defined as follows:

> "Unrestricted designated funds represent expendable resources which have presently been designated by the Synod for support of a particular purpose but may, in the future, become undesignated funds should the Synod so decide."
>
> "Endowment funds (including term endowments) that are subject to restrictions of gift instruments or of other means of conveyance requiring in perpetuity, or on the occurrence of some remote event, that the principal be invested and only the income be used."

Since it was considered from the inception of Pension Plan "A", that the above invested funds be used, as much as possible, both as to income and principal, for pension payments to those recipients age 55 and over on January 1, 1974, Synod should take appropriate action to release as much of the funds as is legally possible, so that the Pension Board of Trustees will know by December 31, 1978 what portion of the above funds are available for pension benefits.

Recommendations:

13. That Synod authorize Synod's Board of Trustees to allow the use of the principal of whatever unrestricted designated funds have been accumulated for Pension Plan "A" benefits.
14. That Synod authorize Synod's Board of Trustees, after they consult with their legal counsel, to permit the Pension Trustees to use whatever endowment fund principal, that in the Trustees of

Synod's opinion is legally available, to fund the Pension Plan "A" program.

Respectfully submitted,
John M. Mitchell, President
Louis D. Hutmire, Secretary

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AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Trustees of the Synod of the
Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America:

We have examined the financial statements and supplemental schedules of the Trustees of the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America (the "Trustees") as of December 31, 1977 and for the year then ended, listed in the foregoing table of contents. Except as explained in the following paragraph, our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and, accordingly, included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

The Trustees have not obtained a reasonably comprehensive actuarial report and valuation for Pension Plan "A" and, accordingly, we were unable to satisfy ourselves as to the appropriate amounts of pension expense for the year ended December 31, 1977 and of the Plan's fund balances as of January 1 and December 31, 1977. As more fully described in Note 9 to the financial statements, pension benefits paid under Plan "A" have been charged to expense and investment income and net gain on investment transactions have been credited to revenue. In our opinion, generally accepted accounting principles require that amounts charged to pension expense be determined in accordance with Opinion No. 8 of the Accounting Principles Board, that pension benefits paid be charged against the pension fund balance, and that investment income and net gain on investment transactions be credited to the pension fund balance.

As more fully described in Note 2 to the financial statements, the Trustees changed certain accounting policies, on a retroactive basis, so as to conform with generally accepted accounting principles, as follows:

- From a modified cash basis to the accrual basis of accounting.

- From carrying certain property and equipment at appraised values to valuing all property and equipment, including significant property additions previously expensed, at original cost or, if donated, at estimated fair value at date of gift and to providing for depreciation of such assets over their estimated useful lives.

- From deferring gains and losses on sales of investments to recording each year as support and revenue or capital additions, as appropriate, the amount of the realized gains and losses on sales of investments.

In our opinion, except for the effects of (1) such adjustments, if any, as might have been determined to be necessary had a reasonably comprehensive actuarial report and valuation for Pension Plan "A" been obtained, and (2) not accounting for pension costs in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, such financial statements present fairly the financial position of the Trustees at December 31, 1977 and the results of their operations and the changes in their fund balances for the year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year after giving retroactive effect to the changes, with which we concur, in accounting principles mentioned in the preceding paragraph.

Except that our qualifications relating to Pension Plan "A" with respect to the financial statements also extend to the supplemental schedule of support and revenue, expenses, and changes in fund balances of the designated fund, in our opinion, such supplemental schedules, when considered in relation to the basic financial statements, present fairly in all material respects the information shown therein.

Deloitte Haskins & Sells

May 22, 1978

TRUSTEES OF THE SYNOD OF THE REFORMED
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA

BALANCE SHEET, DECEMBER 31, 1977

ASSETS	EXPENDABLE FUNDS - OPERATING			PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT FUND	NONEXPENDABLE FUNDS			TOTAL FUNDS
	UNRESTRICTED							
	UNDESIGNATED	DESIGNATED	RESTRICTED		ENDOWMENT	ANNUITY AND LIFE INCOME	CUSTODIAN	
Cash (including passbook savings accounts of $24,172 and certificate of deposit of $10,000)	$19,536	$ 17,412	$11,345			$ 15,325	$ 15,576	$ 79,194
Accounts and notes receivable		12,484	2,927			5,823		21,234
Contributions receivable (Note 1)		32,614						32,614
Accrued investment income receivable		31,534	381			6,581	9,005	47,501
Deferred student aid receivable (Note 1)		40,464						40,464
Inventories (Note 1)		16,953						16,953
Investments (Notes 1, 2 and 3)		391,383	33,290		$1,215,648	541,177	626,154	2,807,652
Building loans receivable (Note 4)		247,389						247,389
Property and equipment - net (Notes 1, 2 and 5)				$123,916				123,916
Other assets (Note 6)		19,374						19,374
Total assets	$19,536	$809,607	$47,943	$123,916	$1,215,648	$568,906	$650,735	$3,436,291
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED RESTRICTED AMOUNTS AND FUND BALANCES								
Accounts payable and accrued expenses		$ 12,532				$ 20,865		$ 33,397
Mortgage payable (Note 6)		18,259						18,259
Payables to denomination-related organizations (Notes 1 and 7)						52,455	$650,735	703,190
Total liabilities		30,791				73,320	650,735	754,846
Deferred restricted amounts (Notes 1 and 7)			$47,943			495,586		543,529
Fund balances:								
Unrestricted:								
Designated		778,816		$123,916				902,732
Undesignated	$19,536							19,536
Restricted					$1,215,648			1,215,648
Total fund balances	19,536	778,816		123,916	1,215,648			2,137,916
Total liabilities, deferred restricted amounts and fund balances	$19,536	$809,607	$47,943	$123,916	$1,215,648	$568,906	$650,735	$3,436,291

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

TRUSTEES OF THE SYNOD OF THE REFORMED
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA

STATEMENT OF SUPPORT AND REVENUE, EXPENSES,
CAPITAL ADDITIONS, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1977

	EXPENDABLE FUNDS - OPERATING					
	UNRESTRICTED			PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT FUND	NONEXPENDABLE ENDOWMENT FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS
	UNDESIGNATED	DESIGNATED	RESTRICTED			
Support and revenue:						
Contributions from congregations	$ 35,000	$161,186				$ 196,186
Contributions from others		61,879				61,879
Bequests	17,557	20,049				37,606
Investment income	40,935	125,508	$8,056			174,499
Sales of publications, etc		34,331				34,331
Tuition, fees and assessments		69,444				69,444
Net gain on investment transactions		9,773				9,773
Other income	101	27,797				27,898
Total support and revenue	93,593	509,967	8,056			611,616
Expenses:						
Home mission		64,423				64,423
Theological seminary		125,508				125,508
Foreign mission		99,596				99,596
Education and publication		86,478				86,478
Pensions		119,934				119,934
Miscellaneous	35,021	34,867	8,056			77,944
General office and administration	41,036			$ 9,322		50,358
Total expenses	76,057	530,806	8,056	9,322		624,241
Excess (deficiency) of support and revenue over expenses before capital additions, etc	17,536	(20,839)		(9,322)		(12,625)
Capital additions - Net gain on investment transactions					$ 50,185	50,185
Transfers between funds:						
From undesignated for designated activities	(23,789)	23,789				
From designated for equipment acquisitions		(3,231)		3,231		
Fund balances at beginning of year (Note 2)	25,789	779,097		130,007	1,165,463	2,100,356
Fund balances at end of year	$ 19,536	$778,816	NIL	$123,916	$1,215,648	$2,137,916

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

TRUSTEES OF THE SYNOD OF THE REFORMED
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

General

The financial statements of the Trustees of the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America (the "Trustees"), a non-profit corporation organized in Pennsylvania, have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting.

Basis of Presentation

The Synod is the highest court in the denomination known as the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America. The Trustees hold title to property and are responsible to the Synod for managing and reporting on the financial condition of the denomination. The financial activities are accomplished through various boards and committees of Synod. Congregations and domestic and foreign missions are sanctioned by the Synod through such boards and seven regional Presbyteries. The accompanying financial statements include the assets, liabilities, fund balances and financial activities of the Trustees and of various boards and committees, including the Theological Seminary.

Although sanctioned by the Synod, domestic congregations and missions and foreign mission fields of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America do not have financial accountability to the Trustees. Accordingly, the assets, liabilities, fund balances and financial activities of such organizations are not included in the accompanying financial statements, although the Trustees hold title to certain assets of active domestic missions and congregations and in foreign mission fields. Further, funds disbursed in support of foreign mission fields are charged to expense in the accompanying financial statements.

Funds

The accounts of the Trustees are classified for accounting purposes into funds, established according to their nature and purpose. These accounts (or individual funds) have been grouped in the accompanying financial statements in accordance with certain characteristics as explained below.

. Expendable funds - operating, consisting of the following:

.. Undesignated funds, representing expendable unrestricted funds which are available, at the discretion of the Synod, for support of any operations, functions or other matters.

.. Designated funds, representing expendable unrestricted funds which have been designated by the Synod for investment and revenue support of a particular purpose or program. Revenues earned from investment of such funds also are designated for use.

.. Restricted funds which have been designated by donors, grantors or other outside parties for support of particular purposes.

. Property and equipment fund, representing the total carrying value of real estate, buildings, library, fixtures and equipment, substantially all of which are designated by the Synod for use as a Theological Seminary.

. Nonexpendable funds, consisting of the following:

.. Endowment funds (including term endowments) that are subject to restrictions of gift instruments or of other means of conveyance requiring in perpetuity, or until the occurrence of some remote event, that the principal be invested and only the income used.

.. Annuity and life income funds that are subject to agreements whereby assets are made available to the Trustees on the condition that the Trustees be bound to pay to the donor or other designated person or organization a stipulated amount or the income earned on fund assets for a period of time specified in the agreements. The balance in such funds is reported as deferred restricted amounts and any excess of income over required disbursements is reported as unrestricted income. Under the terms of certain agreements, denomination-related organizations have directed the Trustees to reinvest income earned on fund assets to which they are otherwise entitled to receive. The total amount of such income reinvested is reported as payables to denomination-related organizations.

.. Custodian funds that represent funds received by the Trustees from congregations, Presbyteries and other denomination-related organizations which are invested solely for the benefit of and are returnable upon request to such sources. Such funds are reported as payables to denomination-related organizations.

Expendable Operating Restricted Resources

Operating funds which have been restricted by the donor, grantor or other outside party for particular operating purposes are deemed to be earned and reported as revenues of expendable operating restricted funds to the extent the Trustees have incurred expenditures in compliance with the specific restrictions. Amounts received but not yet earned are reported as deferred restricted amounts.

Property and Equipment

Land, buildings and improvements and furniture, fixtures and equipment are carried at cost or estimated fair value at date of gift. Proceeds from sale of fixed assets are transferred to expendable operating unrestricted funds. Depreciation is provided over the estimated useful lives of the respective assets on a straight-line basis.

Investments

Investments are recorded at the lower of cost (or fair market value at date of gift) or market.

Substantially all investments are pooled and allocation of income (ordinary income and gains and losses upon sale or other disposition of investments) to the various funds is accomplished using the market value unit method. Substantially all ordinary income from investments of endowment funds is restricted for support of particular purposes. These purposes are usually broad enough to be encompassed within one of the designated boards of the Synod.

Other Matters

Inventories (principally religious publications) are carried at the lower of average cost or market.

Contributions received during early January from congregations and individuals are recorded as receivables when such amounts relate to the prior year's budget. Such contributions are recorded as expendable operating funds, unrestricted.

Advances made to eligible seminary students for payment of tuition or related expenses (deferred student aid receivable) are recorded as a deferred charge and are amortized to expense, usually over a period of five years from the date that the graduate seminarian begins service for the Synod.

2. CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Effective January 1, 1977 the Trustees changed certain of their accounting policies on a retroactive basis as well as their reporting format in order to conform with generally accepted accounting principles. The changes in accounting policies and the effects on the accompanying financial statements are described below. The new reporting format is described in Note 1.

Cash to Accrual

The Trustees changed from a modified cash basis to the accrual basis of accounting. The effect of this change on prior years was to increase the total fund balances at the beginning of the year by $63,742.

Property and Equipment

In prior years the Trustees had carried certain property and equipment at appraised value and had expensed certain additions. The Trustees adopted the policy of recording all significant additions to property and equipment and of valuing all property and equipment at original cost or, if donated, at estimated fair value at date of gift. The effect of this change on prior years was to increase the property and equipment fund balance at the beginning of the year by $61,984.

In conjunction with this change, the Trustees adopted the policy of depreciating all depreciable property and equipment over their estimated respective lives using the straight-line method. The effect of this change on prior years was to decrease the property and equipment fund balance at the beginning of the year by $90,077.

Net Gain (Loss) On Investment Transactions

In prior years the Trustees had deferred the annual amounts of net gain (loss) on sales of investments. The Trustees adopted the policy of recording each year, as either support and revenue or capital additions, as appropriate, the amount of the realized gains (losses) on sales of investments. The effect of this change on prior years was to increase the total fund balances at the beginning of the year by $587,343.

3. INVESTMENTS

The carrying and market values of investments by fund group are as follows at December 31, 1977:

Fund Group	Carrying Value	Market Value
Expendable funds - operating:		
Unrestricted-designated.....	$ 391,383	$ 414,189
Restricted.....	33,290	30,756
Nonexpendable funds:		
Endowment.....	1,215,648	2,128,162
Annuity and life income.....	541,177	658,194
Custodian.....	626,154	725,960
Total.....	$2,807,652	$3,957,261

Investments are composed of the following:

	Carrying Value	Market Value
U.S. Government obligations....	$ 389,507	$ 388,531
Corporate common and preferred stocks.....	1,329,285	2,523,202
Corporate bonds.....	955,402	912,070
General mortgages receivable...	133,458	133,458
Total.....	$2,807,652	$3,957,261

General mortgages receivable are due over periods from one to twenty years and bear annual interest ranging from 5% to 8%. The aggregate annual amounts of maturities of general mortgages receivable at December 31, 1977 are as follows:

1978.....	$ 46,805
1979.....	13,627
1980.....	13,427
1981.....	6,791
1982.....	7,018
After 1982.....	45,790
Total.....	$133,458

The general mortgages receivable at December 31, 1977 are due from the following groups:

Congregations of the denomination.	$ 70,968
Ministers of the denomination.....	47,568
Members of the denomination.....	7,239
Commercial.....	7,683
Total.....	$133,458

The following summarizes the changes in relationships between carrying values and market values of investments for the year ended December 31, 1977:

	Carrying Value	Market Value	Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation)
December 31, 1977..	$2,807,652	$3,957,261	$1,149,609
January 1, 1977....	$2,366,943	$3,931,330	1,564,387
Decrease in unrealized appreciation for the year.....			(414,778)
Realized net gains for the year.....			90,310
Net decrease in unrealized appreciation for the year.....			$ (324,468)

The average annual yield on investments excluding realized net gains (calculated by dividing total dividends and interest earned on investments during the year by the average of the beginning of the year and end of the year carrying value of investments) was 9.1% and the annual total return (calculated by dividing total dividends and interest, and realized net gains earned on investments during the year by the average of the beginning of the year and end of the year carrying value of investments) was 12.6% for the year ended December 31, 1977.

4. BUILDING LOANS RECEIVABLE

Substantially all of the building loans receivable at December 31, 1977 have been granted by the Building Loan Committee at interest rates ranging from 0% to 2% for the purchase or construction of residences or church buildings. All such loans are made to either ministers, employees of the Synod, or congregations. At December 31, 1977 the composition of the balances receivable was due from:

Congregations.....	$139,454
Ministers.....	94,186
Employees of the Synod.....	13,749
Total.....	$247,389

5. PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

The components of property and equipment at December 31, 1977 are as follows:

Buildings and improvements.....	$210,203
Furniture, fixtures and equipment.....	13,111
Total.....	223,314
Less accumulated depreciation...	99,398
Property and equipment - net.....	$123,916

6. EASTON MISSION PROPERTY

The Trustees hold title to property being used by the Easton Mission. The property was purchased in 1977 for $28,500 and was paid for as follows:

- $10,000 from the Easton Mission, which was loaned to the Mission by the Trustees,
- $18,500 through a third-party mortgage loan, as to which the Trustees are legally obligated to pay.

The $10,000 loan from the Trustees is recorded as a receivable under Building Loans Receivable. The unpaid balance of the mortgage at December 31, 1977 of $18,259 is recorded as mortgage payable and the same amount is recorded as other assets. The congregation has committed itself to pay the mortgage loan and the Trustees intend to deed the property to the Easton Mission once both loans have been paid.

7. CHANGES IN DEFERRED RESTRICTED AMOUNTS AND IN PAYABLES TO DENOMINATION-RELATED ORGANIZATIONS

	Expendable Funds - Deferred Restricted	Annuity and Life Income Funds Payables	Annuity and Life Income Funds Deferred	Custodian Funds - Payables
Balances at January 1, 1977	$53,402	$50,475	$468,083	$280,870
Additions:				
Contributions and bequests			16,743	349,050
Investment income	1,877	3,659	30,731	36,837
Net gains on investment transactions	720	1,758	10,760	17,114
	55,999	55,892	526,317	683,871
Deductions - funds expended during 1977	8,056	3,437	30,731	33,136
Balances at December 31, 1977	$47,943	$52,455	$495,586	$650,735

8. FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION OF EXPENSES

The financial statements of the Trustees summarize expenses separately by their significant programs and supporting activities.

9. PENSION PLANS

There are two pension plans (named Plan "A" and Plan "B") which were adopted effective January 1, 1974 and together cover all ministers, missionaries and employees of the Synod. Reasonably comprehensive actuarial reports and valuations have not been obtained for either Plan "A" or Plan "B". Accordingly, the amounts, if any, of past service cost, of vested benefits, of "normal" cost and of accrued pension fund liability for both pension plans have not been finally determined as of December 31, 1977 or for the year then ended. In the case of Plan "B", however, the final determination of such amounts is not expected to have a material effect on the accompanying financial statements. A further description of the two pension plans and the related accounting policies follow:

Plan "A"

Plan "A" is non-contributory and covers only ministers, missionaries and employees of the Synod who were age 55 and over on January 1, 1974, the date of adoption of the plan. This plan is self-administered and pension benefits, which are charged to pensions expense, are substantially all paid from ordinary investment income or from proceeds of sales of certain investments. The accompanying financial statements include the following assets, fund balances and revenue and expense amounts related to Plan "A":

BALANCE SHEET

	Unrestricted-designated	Endowment	Total
Cash and receivables.....	$ 16,200		$ 16,200
Investments, at carrying value.....	251,999	$114,082	366,081
Total assets and fund balances.....	$268,199	$114,082	$382,281

STATEMENT OF SUPPORT AND REVENUE, ETC.

Investment income, etc....	$35,932*		$35,932
Net gain on investment transactions.....	$6,444	$4,695	$11,139
Pensions expense (pension benefits paid).....	$79,227		$79,227

*Includes $9,773 earned on endowment fund assets.

The estimated present value of vested benefits at December 31, 1977 is approximately $850,000, and the total market value of investments is $472,368, of which $273,151 relates to investments classified as unrestricted-designated and $199,217 to investments classified as endowment.

Plan "B"

Plan "B" is contributory and covers substantially all ministers, missionaries and employees of the Synod who are not covered under Plan "A". Total pension expense for the year ended December 31, 1977 was $40,707, which includes amortization of past service cost over an average period of approximately 25 years, and is recorded under unrestricted-designated. The Trustees' policy is to fund pension costs accrued. Plan "B" is administered and the funds are invested by the Pension Trustees of the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America. The estimated amount of vested benefits as of December 31, 1977, is less than the amount of the net assets of Plan "B".

10. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

The Trustees have co-signed with the Westminster, Colorado congregation on a mortgage for the purchase of property for that congregation. The unpaid principal balance of the mortgage at December 31, 1977 is approximately $54,600.

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AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF THE DESIGNATED FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1977

		Home Mission			Theological Seminary			
	Synod	Board	Southern Mission	Total	Seminary	Seminary Subsidiaries	Student Aid	Total
Support and revenue:								
Contributions from congregations	$161,186							
Contributions from others	31,065		$ 64	$ 64	$18,173			$18,173
Bequests		$ 2,337	21	2,358	1,786			1,786
Investment income		24,580	6,441	31,021	20,081		$ 3,542	23,623
Sales of publications, etc								
Tuition, fees and assessments					19,663	$ 4,790		24,453
Net gain on investment transactions					2,697			2,697
Other income					3,543	1,813		5,356
Total support and revenue	192,251	26,917	6,526	33,443	65,943	6,603	3,542	76,088
Expenses:								
Salaries and wages		8,128	9,390	17,518	87,954			87,954
Pensions								
Presbytery aid		37,439		37,439				
Maintenance and supplies					7,607	3,886		11,493
Publications and books					5,131			5,131
Travel		3,685		3,685	1,082			1,082
Field								
Utilities					7,788			7,788
Hospitalization					2,940			2,940
Rent								
Social security			549	549	1,275			1,275
Other board expenses		265		265				
Miscellaneous	217		4,967	4,967	6,049	1,260	536	7,845
Total expenses	217	49,517	14,906	64,423	119,826	5,146	536	125,508
Excess (deficiency) of support and revenue over expenses	192,034	(22,600)	(8,380)	(30,980)	(53,883)	1,457	3,006	(49,420)
Transfers between funds or boards, etc.:								
From Synod's budget	(225,000)	14,000		14,000	68,000			68,000
Between boards, etc		(9,478)	9,478		(5,032)		5,032	
From undesignated funds	23,789							
To property and equipment fund					(1,841)			(1,841)
Fund balances at beginning of year	(36,537)	34,728	333	35,061*	87,699	9,449	32,673	129,821
Fund balances at end of year	$(45,714)	$16,650	$1,431	$18,081	$94,943	$10,906	$40,711	$146,560

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SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE - BALANCE SHEET
OF THE DESIGNATED FUND, DECEMBER 31, 1977

ASSETS		Home Mission			Theological Seminary			
	Synod	Board	Southern Mission	Total	Seminary	Seminary Subsidiaries	Student Aid	Total
Cash		$ 1,719	$ 414	$ 2,133		$ 3,152	$ 71	$ 3,223
Accounts and notes receivable					$ 924			924
Contributions receivable		3,385		3,385	7,449			7,449
Accrued investment income receivable		7,316		7,316	5,865			5,865
Deferred student aid receivable							40,464	40,464
Inventories								
Investments					84,875			84,875
Building loans receivable								
Other assets	$ 1,115							
Receivable from Synod's budget		4,230	1,017	5,247		7,754	176	7,930
Total assets	$ 1,115	$16,650	$1,431	$18,081	$99,113	$10,906	$40,711	$150,730
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES								
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	$ 4,013				$ 4,170			$ 4,170
Mortgage payable								
Payable to boards	42,816							
Total liabilities	46,829				4,170			4,170
Fund balances - unrestricted designated	(45,714)	$16,650	$1,431	$18,081	94,943	$10,906	$40,711	146,560
Total liabilities and fund balances	$ 1,115	$16,650	$1,431	$18,081	$99,113	$10,906	$40,711	$150,730

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AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF THE DESIGNATED FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1977

	Foreign Mission			Education and Publication		
	Board	Board Subsidiaries	Total	Board	Revolving Fund	Total
Support and revenue:						
Contributions from congregations						
Contributions from others	$ 2,236		$ 2,236	$ 500		$ 500
Bequests	14,884		14,884			
Investment income	43,323		43,323	1,805		1,805
Sales of publications, etc				10,758	$23,573	34,331
Tuition, fees and assessments						
Net gain on investment transactions	46		46	586		586
Other income	2,400	$4,847	7,247	639		639
Total support and revenue	62,889	4,847	67,736	14,288	23,573	37,861
Expenses:						
Salaries and wages	64,943		64,943	32,667		32,667
Pensions						
Presbytery aid						
Maintenance and supplies				1,918	18,595	20,513
Publications and books	2,500		2,500	23,983		23,983
Travel	6,167		6,167	2,924		2,924
Field	9,000	2,000	11,000			
Utilities				782		782
Hospitalization	1,602		1,602	2,113		2,113
Rent				2,700		2,700
Social security	1,279		1,279	477		477
Other board expenses	1,256		1,256	246		246
Miscellaneous	8,679	2,170	10,849	73		73
Total expenses	95,426	4,170	99,596	67,883	18,595	86,478
Excess (deficiency) of support and revenue over expenses	(32,537)	677	(31,860)	(53,595)	4,978	(48,617)
Transfers between funds or boards, etc.:						
From Synod's budget	55,000		55,000	56,000		56,000
Between boards, etc				(1,889)	1,889	
From undesignated funds						
To property and equipment fund				(1,390)		(1,390)
Fund balances at beginning of year	20,327	5,075	25,402	29,744	26,334	56,078
Fund balances at end of year	$42,790	$5,752	$48,542	$28,870	$33,201	$62,071

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SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE - BALANCE SHEET OF THE DESIGNATED FUND, DECEMBER 31, 1977

ASSETS	Foreign Mission			Education and Publication		
	Board	Board Subsidiaries	Total	Board	Revolving Fund	Total
Cash	$ 3,688	$1,662	$ 5,350	$ 1,538	$ 3,939	$ 5,477
Accounts and notes receivable				2,192	2,616	4,808
Contributions receivable	18,506		18,506	292		292
Accrued investment income receivable	10,438		10,438	441		441
Deferred student aid receivable						
Inventories					16,953	16,953
Investments	1,109		1,109	23,224		23,224
Building loans receivable						
Other assets						
Receivable from Synod's budget	9,049	4,090	13,139	3,783	9,693	13,476
Total assets	$42,790	$5,752	$48,542	$31,470	$33,201	$64,671
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES						
Accounts payable and accrued expenses				$ 2,600		$ 2,600
Mortgage payable						
Payable to boards						
Total liabilities				2,600		2,600
Fund balances - unrestricted designated	$42,790	$5,752	$48,542	28,870	$33,201	62,071
Total liabilities and fund balances	$42,790	$5,752	$48,542	$31,470	$33,201	$64,671

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AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF THE DESIGNATED FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1977

	Pensions				
	Plan "A"	Plan "B"	Total	Miscellaneous	Total Designated
Support and revenue:					
Contributions from congregations					$161,186
Contributions from others	$ 4,038		$ 4,038	$ 5,803	61,879
Bequests	1,021		1,021		20,049
Investment income	23,188		23,188	2,548	125,508
Sales of publications, etc					34,331
Tuition, fees and assessments		$ 29,254	29,254	15,737	69,444
Net gain on investment transactions	6,444		6,444		9,773
Other income	7,685		7,685	6,870	27,797
Total support and revenue	42,376	29,254	71,630	30,958	509,967
Expenses:					
Salaries and wages				1,463	204,545
Pensions	79,227	40,707	119,934		119,934
Presbytery aid					37,439
Maintenance and supplies					32,006
Publications and books					31,614
Travel				14,647	28,505
Field					11,000
Utilities					8,570
Hospitalization					6,655
Rent					2,700
Social security					3,580
Other board expenses					1,767
Miscellaneous				18,540	42,491
Total expenses	79,227	40,707	119,934	34,650	530,806
Excess (deficiency) of support and revenue over expenses	(36,851)	(11,453)	(48,304)	(3,692)	(20,839)
Transfers between funds or boards, etc.:					
From Synod's budget	10,000	15,000	25,000	7,000	
Between boards, etc					
From undesignated funds					23,789
To property and equipment fund					(3,231)
Fund balances at beginning of year	295,050	(3,294)	291,756	277,516	779,097
Fund balances at end of year	$268,199	$ 253	$268,452	$280,824	$778,816

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SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE - BALANCE SHEET
OF THE DESIGNATED FUND, DECEMBER 31, 1977

ASSETS	Pensions Plan "A"	Pensions Plan "B"	Pensions Total	Miscellaneous	Total Designated
Cash	$ 1,147	$ 73	$ 1,220	$ 9	$ 17,412
Accounts and notes receivable	[illegible]		3,884	3,368	17,484
Contributions receivable	[illegible]		2,982		2,014
Accrued investment income receivable	[illegible]		5,865	1,609	31,234
Deferred student aid receivable					40,464
Inventories					16,353
Investments	251,999		251,999	80,176	391,383
Building loans receivable				247,389	247,389
Other assets				18,259	19,374
Receivable from Synod's budget	2,822	180	3,002	22	42,816
Total assets	$268,199	$253	$268,452	$300,832	$852,423
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES					
Accounts payable and accrued expenses				$ 1,749	$ 12,532
Mortgage payable				18,259	18,259
Payable to boards					42,816
Total liabilities				20,008	73,607
Fund balances - unrestricted designated	$268,199	$253	$268,452	280,824	778,816
Total liabilities and fund balances	$268,199	$253	$268,452	$300,832	$852,423

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SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE - BALANCE SHEET OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY,
DECEMBER 31, 1977

ASSETS	EXPENDABLE FUNDS - OPERATING		PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT FUND	NONEXPENDABLE ENDOWMENT FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS
	UNRESTRICTED-DESIGNATED	RESTRICTED			
Cash	$ 3,223	$11,345			$ 14,568
Accounts and notes receivable	924	1,811			2,735
Contributions receivable	7,449				7,449
Accrued investment income receivable	5,865	76			5,941
Deferred student aid receivable	40,464				40,464
Investments	84,875	16,381		$204,600	305,856
Property and equipment - net			$123,916		123,916
Receivable from Synod's budget	7,930				7,930
Total assets	$150,730	$29,613	$123,916	$204,600	$508,859
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED RESTRICTED AMOUNTS AND FUND BALANCES					
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	$ 4,170				$ 4,170
Deferred restricted amounts		$29,613			29,613
Fund balances:					
Unrestricted - designated	146,560		$123,916		270,476
Restricted				$204,600	204,600
Total fund balances	146,560		123,916	204,600	475,076
Total liabilities, deferred restricted amounts and fund balances	$150,730	$29,613	$123,916	$204,600	$508,859

NOTE - The assets, liabilities, deferred restricted amounts and fund balances are presented in accordance with the classifications in the Trustees' financial statements.

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SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS,
DECEMBER 31, 1977

COMMON STOCK Number Shares	Securities	COMMON FUND Carrying Value	COMMON FUND Market Value	SMITH FUND Carrying Value	SMITH FUND Market Value
	Utility Group				
340	Allegheny Power System	$ 3,300.00	$ 6,885.00		
2,300	American Tele. & Teleg.	74,992.52	139,150.00		
200	Cincinnati Gas & Electric			$ 5,001.09	$ 4,625.00
1,719	Commonwealth Edison Company	12,122.50	49,636.13		
1,350	General Tele. & Electronics	41,581.75	42,018.75		
500	Gulf States Utilities	7,250.00	6,937.50		
500	Kansas Power & Light	7,812.50	10,250.00		
352	Public Service Electric & Gas	8,096.00	8,052.00		
1,200	Texas Utilities	22,063.54	26,400.00		
		177,218.81	289,329.38	5,001.09	4,625.00
	Financial Group				
1,000	B. T. New York Corporation	20,140.00	34,750.00		
198	Beneficial Corporation	5,371.00	4,182.75		
1,939	Chase Manhattan Bank	25,400.00	57,927.63		
1,642	Continental Corporation	20,736.00	87,847.00		
450	Fidelcor	6,412.50	10,125.00		
769	Fifth Third Bancorp			15,518.25	22,301.00
300	Manufacturers Hanover Corp.	11,775.00	10,012.50		
4,804	Pittsburgh National Corporation	43,138.55	169,341.00		
501	Republic Financial Services, Inc.			2,672.00	12,211.88
1,590	Southwestern Life Insurance			24,939.00	31,601.25
		132,973.05	374,185.88	43,129.25	66,114.13

COMMON STOCK Number Shares	Securities	COMMON FUND Carrying Value	COMMON FUND Market Value	SMITH FUND Carrying Value	SMITH FUND Market Value
	Consumer & Service				
1,568	Amstar	$ 2,872.90	$ 29,008.00		
1,000	Colgate Palmolive	24,374.86	21,625.00		
8,000	Dun & Bradstreet, Inc.	6,360.00	248,000.00		
1,000	General Foods	41,688.95	31,500.00		
200	Genuine Parts Company	7,500.00	7,125.00		
1,080	H. J. Heinz Company	3,728.80	38,610.00		
460	J. C. Penney Company			$12,275.41	$ 16,330.00
200	Marsh & McLennan Company	10,098.78	12,225.00		
1,500	Sears Roebuck Company	50,552.11	42,000.00		
		147,176.40	430,093.00	12,275.41	16,330.00
	Natural Resource				
1,050	Ashland Oil & Refining	4,557.73	32,025.00		
600	Continental Oil Company	11,697.54	18,000.00		
2,288	Exxon Corporation	26,343.17	110,110.00		
3,355	Gulf Oil Corporation	13,923.25	89,746.25		
200	Mapco Incorporated	8,800.00	7,925.00		
1,200	Pennzoil Company	4,725.00	35,250.00		
900	Std. Oil of Indiana	38,219.24	44,550.00		
1,446	Texaco Incorporated	41,005.46	40,126.50		
		149,271.39	377,732.75		
	Basic & Industry				
208	Air Products & Chemicals	7,216.00	5,330.00		
100	Dupont De Nemours	19,699.75	12,037.50		
1,500	Eltra Corporation	3,240.00	39,000.00		
2,000	General Electric Company	57,771.75	99,750.00		
1,000	General Motors Corporation	13,650.00	62,875.00		
1,100	Intern'l. Tel. & Tel.	52,696.65	34,925.00		
800	Joy Manufacturing	3,680.00	25,600.00		
180	Kennecott Copper Company	4,995.00	4,005.00		
95	Monsanto Company			6,074.47	5,474.38
105	Monsanto Company	10,217.27	6,050.63		
400	Phelps Dodge Corporation	5,444.21	8,600.00		
2,700	T.R.W., Incorporated	30,348.00	87,750.00		
1,300	Witco Chemical	12,415.00	35,750.00		
		221,373.63	421,673.13	6,074.47	5,474.38

COMMON STOCK Number Shares	Securities	COMMON FUND Carrying Value	COMMON FUND Market Value	SMITH FUND Carrying Value	SMITH FUND Market Value
	Technology Group				
1,150	Abbott Laboratories	$ 35,169.70	$ 64,975.00		
250	Abbott Laboratories			$ 8,737.50	$ 14,125.00
200	American Home Products			4,604.04	5,550.00
300	American Home Products	10,060.35	8,325.00		
250	Corning Glass Works	22,586.53	13,031.25		
1,192	Eastman Kodak, Inc.	4,660.72	60,941.00		
500	Honeywell Corporation	42,439.70	22,937.50		
452	International Business Machines	109,779.69	123,622.00		
300	Minnesota Mining & Manufacturing	17,776.45	14,550.00		
900	N.C.R. Corporation	6,545.30	36,337.50		
1,000	Smith Kline Corporation	27,946.93	49,750.00		
1,400	Upjohn Company	30,424.67	50,050.00		
300	Warner Lambert Company	9,262.00	7,800.00		
1,000	Xerox	93,247.75	46,750.00		
		409,899.79	499,069.25	17,341.54	19,675.00
COMMON STOCK TOTALS		$1,237,913.07	$2,392,083.39	$83,821.70	$112,218.51
CONV. PREFERRED STOCK					
800	Textron, Incorporated	7,550.00	18,400.00		

BONDS

Securities Common Fund	Interest Rate	Date of Purchase	Par Value	Maturity Date	Price Per 100	Carrying Value	Market Value
American Sugar Company	5.300	10/63	15 M	1993	73.625	$ 13,381.11	$ 11,043.75
American Tel. & Tel. Co.	4.375	02/64	20 M	1985	81.125	$ 17,163.83	16,225.00
American Tel. & Tel. Co.	5.500	01/77	10 M	1997	73.750	7,675.00	7,375.00
American Tel. & Tel. Co.	7.125	01/77	15 M	2003	88.750	14,587.00	13,312.50
Arco Pipeline	8.000	01/77	25 M	1982	101.250	25,975.50	25,312.50
Bell Telephone of Pa.	6.750	04/68	5 M	2008	82.000	5,040.15	4,100.00
Bethlehem Steel	5.400	01/77	10 M	1992	79.250	8,400.00	7,925.00
Burlington Industries	5.000	01/77	10 M	1991	77.625	8,900.00	7,762.50
Carolina Power & Light	8.750	02/70	50 M	2000	100.000	50,875.00	50,000.00
Chase Manhattan Bank	4.875	04/68	14.2M	1993	73.000	12,800.00	10,366.00
Continental Oil Company	7.500	02/70	40 M	1999	91.000	39,000.00	36,400.00

Common Fund (continued)	Interest Rate	Date of Purchase	Par Value	Maturity Date	Price Per 100	Carrying Value	Market Value
Delmarva Power & Light	8.750	02/70	50 M	2000	97.500	$ 50,375.00	$ 48,750.00
Duke Power Company	7.000	06/69	25 M	1999	84.500	23,176.84	21,125.00
Ford Motor Credit	8.625	01/77	10 M	1983	102.000	10,500.00	10,200.00
General Motors Acc. Corp.	5.000	12/60	25 M	1980	93.500	24,475.87	23,375.00
General Motors Acc. Corp.	4.625	01/77	10 M	1982	87.125	9,200.00	8,712.50
General Tel. of Florida	8.625	02/70	40 M	2000	100.000	39,892.00	40,000.00
Georgia Power	8.625	04/70	50 M	2000	94.000	48,500.00	47,000.00
Great Northern Railway	2.750	01/77	5 M	1982	81.625	3,925.00	4,081.25
Hawaiian Electric	9.000	01/77	20 M	2000	101.125	20,800.00	20,225.00
Household Finance Corp.	8.300	03/76	25 M	1986	101.000	25,593.75	25,250.00
Houston Light. & Power	7.500	06/69	10 M	1999	90.500	10,208.33	9,050.00
Inter'l. Harvester Co.	4.800	03/66	17.5M	1991	73.500	14,278.23	12,862.50
Marathon Oil Company	8.500	02/70	40 M	2000	99.125	40,400.00	39,650.00
Massachusetts Electric Co.	7.625	06/69	10 M	1999	90.000	9,822.01	9,000.00
Minnesota Min. & Manuf.	8.200	06/75	25 M	1985	102.500	25,500.00	25,625.00
Mobil Corporation	8.500	02/77	25 M	2001	100.625	25,712.50	25,156.25
Money Market Management						1,216.23	1,216.23
Monongahela Power Company	5.500	04/66	5 M	1996	70.500	5,016.94	3,525.00
Monsanto Company	8.000	07/75	25 M	1985	101.000	25,379.03	25,250.00
New York Telephone Co.	7.500	05/69	25 M	2009	90.500	24,192.88	22,625.00
Northern States Power	6.125	02/70	50 M	1995	78.500	40,000.00	39,250.00
Ohio Edison Company	8.250	10/69	10 M	1999	96.000	10,231.25	9,600.00
Pacific Gas & Electric	4.500	01/77	9 M	1986	75.750	6,986.00	6,817.50
Pfizer Incorporated	4.000	03/72	25 M	1997	73.500	26,687.50	18,375.00
Phila. Electric & Power	4.500	02/70	50 M	1994	62.000	32,812.50	31,000.00
Pub. Service of Colorado	5.875	02/70	50 M	1997	74.375	38,500.00	37,187.50
Southern Calif. Edison Co.	6.375	02/70	40 M	1993	81.500	34,100.00	32,600.00
Standard Oil of California	4.375	05/75	18 M	1983	86.000	14,062.50	15,480.00
Union Electric Company	8.250	02/70	50 M	1999	95.500	49,000.00	47,750.00
Virginia Electric & Power	9.000	05/70	24 M	2000	101.000	24,060.00	24,240.00
Wisconsin Electric & Power	5.000	02/70	50 M	1990	73.000	36,000.00	36,500.00
Xerox	6.000	10/70	1 M	1995	90.250	1,000.00	902.50
U.S. Treasury Notes	8.000	09/76	50 M	1986	101.812	50,020.00	50,906.00
U.S. Treasury Notes	7.625	06/76	64 M	1980	100.750	64,677.51	64,480.00
U.S. Treasury Notes	7.375	08/76	50 M	1981	99.812	49,859.38	49,906.00
U.S. Treasury Notes	7.250	02/77	42 M	1984	98.125	42,016.80	41,212.50
U.S. Treasury Notes	7.500	01/77	10 M	1993	98.250	10,425.00	9,825.00
U.S. Treasury Notes	7.125	01/76	50 M	1978	100.187	50,593.75	50,093.50
U.S. Treasury Notes	8.125	01/77	10 M	1982	102.187	10,809.00	10,218.70
U.S. Treasury Notes	7.250	12/77	40 M	1979	100.062	40,200.00	40,024.80
U.S. Treasury Bills	6.685	10/77	65 M	1978	98.263	62,903.10	63,870.95
						$1,336,906.49	$1,292,740.93

Smith Fund	Interest Rate	Date of Purchase	Par Value	Maturity Date	Price Per 100	Carrying Value	Market Value
U.S. Treasury Notes	7.250	02/77	[illegible]	1984	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

SUMMARY OF FUNDS:

	Pool	Smith	Total
Common Stocks:			
Carrying Value	$1,237,913.07	$ 83,821.76	$1,321,734.83
Market Value	2,392,083.39	112,218.51	2,504.301.90
Convertible Preferred:			
Carrying Value	7,550.00		7,550.00
Market Value	18,900.00		18,900.00
Bonds:			
Carrying Value	1,336,906.49	8,003.20	1,344.909.69
Market Value	1,292,740.93	7,860.00	1,300,600.93
Totals:			
Carrying Value	$2,582,369.56	$ 91,824.96	$2,674,194.52
Market Value	$3,703,724.32	$120,078.51	$3,823,802.83

Pastor David Compton, fraternal delegate from the Free Church of Scotland, was made a consultative member of the Court.

There was no report from the Committee on Pastor's Salaries. It was moved that the committee be discharged. The motion carried.

It was moved that the Nominating Committee appoint a committee to bring in a minimum salary schedule for 1979. It is to report to this meeting of Synod. The motion carried.

The Court took recess in prayer by Kenneth Sanderson.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 1978, 7:30 P.M.

The Court was reconvened in prayer by John Smith.

The Roll was noted.

The minutes were read and adopted.

The Report of the Temperance Committee was taken up, received, and is as follows:

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Dear Fathers and Brethren,

During this past year, your Temperance Committee has attempted to continue the mail-out program of material that would assist responsible parties in the local congregation as they continue an educational program against alcoholic beverages and habit-forming narcotics.

Again, public thanks is hereby given to Mrs. M. W. Dougherty and her committee of dedicated women who have been so helpful in this project.

To emphasize and encourage the local church's responsibility for the welfare of our children and their education against harmful substances and dangerous habits, a catalog of instructional materials, available from Narcotics Education, Inc., of Washington, D.C., was mailed to each pastor, clerk of session, Sabbath School superintendent and president of the local W. M. S. (A similar list is available from the National Reform Ass'n. headquarters). This information, it was felt, would be helpful to those who feel the responsibility for warning and instructing our off-spring against the pressures now imposed by the manufacturers and distributors of these harmful substances, that lead to unnecessary misery of body and spirit, hasten the aging process, and lead to an early death.

Also distributed was an article entitled **What's With Wine**, from Bergen Birdsall of California, originally from the dry forces of Ten-

nessee; as a protest against the permissive attitude now fashionable in some quarters. Another article, entitled **Sipping Saints**, emphasized the views of those who hold to the former ideals of Christian responsibility of action and example-setting.

Your chairman attended the annual meeting of the National Temperance and Prohibition Council in Washington, D.C. It was most encouraging to see again the dedicated representatives of the many organizations that are actively engaged in not only the educational efforts that warn against booze and dope, but also promoting the legal protection by legislative bodies and the laws they pass for our welfare. It is of interest that three active members of this Council are Covenanters—Mrs. Edna Hatfield, president of the Kansas WCTU and recording secretary of the National WCTU: Rev. R. Wyley Caskey, head of the National Reform Ass'n., and your chairman—a rather heavy representation from a denomination of such modest numerical strength.

In closing this report, your chairman wishes to express again his thanks and great appreciation to all those who have been of assistance and encouragement in our Church's efforts to protect her children through information and facts, and to warn against the "stumbling blocks" these children find in every-day living. Our Lord's concern for the welfare of little ones, and His coming to judge our effectiveness in carrying out His commandments, should warn us all to be actively faithful to His ideals of child care.

Respectfully submitted,
R. Paul Wright, Chairman
Synod's Temperance Committee

The Report of the Womans' Association was taken up. Mrs. Faith Martin presented the Report. The Report was received and is as follows:

THE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN WOMANS ASSOCIATION
81ST ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARY
January 1, 1977—December 31, 1977

It is with joy and thanksgiving that we give praise to the Lord for His guidance and blessing as the Board of Directors of the Reformed Presbyterian Womans Association presents its eighty-first annual report.

The fifteen member Board of Directors held its regular monthly meetings at the Home (August excluded), executive meetings when called, and other special meetings.

The following officers were elected at a meeting called following the annual Association meeting:

President	Mrs. Ethyl Copeland
Vice President	Mrs. Faith Martin
Recording Secretary	Miss Adella Lawson
Corresponding Secretary	Mrs. Nina Sharrer
Treasurer	Mrs. Mabel Hemphill
Assistant Treasurer	Mrs. Shirley McMillan

Committee chairman appointed were:

Admissions	Mrs. Miriam Wenkhous*
Personnel Finance	Mrs. Shirley McMillan
Public Relations	Dr. Betty Kilpatrick
Social	Mrs. Marian Vos
Interment	Mrs. Eleanor Walsh
General Planning	Mrs. Faith Martin
Donations	Mrs. Caroline McCready
Legislative	Mrs. Floy Smith

* The written resignation of Mrs. Wenkhous was submitted to the Board at the October meeting and was accepted with regret. By action of the Board, Mrs. Rose Hudak was elected to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term. Mrs. Mabel Hemphill was appointed Admissions Chairman.

Members who received their Home Call this calendar year were:

Mrs. Angeline D. Smith on June 19, 1977
Miss Osee Forsyth on October 29, 1977
Dr. Frank Allen on November 10, 1977

We would note here also the passing of Mrs. Virginia Ramsey, a cook here for some time. On June 12, 1977, as she was walking to work, she was struck and killed by a motor vehicle.

New members welcomed to the Home family are:

Miss Anna Blair	April, 1977
Miss Ruth Gilmore	September, 1977
Mrs. M. K. Carson	December, 1977
Miss Helen Young (a working member)	November, 1977
Miss Esther Logan (Probation)	November, 1977
Dr. Mrs. Alvin Smith (Probation)	December, 1977

This has been a very busy year for the Board. Having in mind as always the needs and comfort of the residents, the building itself was kept in good repair, some rooms have been redone, insulation has been added for more effective heating where possible, and the sun deck was resurfaced.

Board members continue their monthly visitation program with the residents as well as more casual visits when time permits. These have been found most productive. Members of the Home family are also remembered with greetings or gifts on birthdays and at Christmas time. Four special parties were held. Miss Lillian McCracken and Mrs. Aimee Robinsonn were each honored as they observed their 90th birthdays as well as Miss Minnie Walter and Miss Emma McFarland, who reached one hundred years. The annual McKee Dinner is always a highlight of the year as is Donation Day. A Coffee Hour with Synod's guests in attendance was an added feature in June. Then there were programs presented from time to time by groups from within and without our own denomination.

The spiritual phase, the backbone of the whole activity, has been maintained. There are the regular worship services, the Sabbath School classes, prayer meetings, prayer groups, and Bible studies.

Along with the above priorities the Board has put much prayer, thought, time and effort into the future of the Home. Perhaps some information and questions will give you some idea of our thinking.

Substantial repairs are, or will be, necessary in the very near future on the annex and middle section of our present building. Should we repair? Should we relocate? If so, where? If we build, should we include apartments, cottages, as well as rooms? How large a facility? Our present one is licensed for 48 beds and at the close of 1977 there were 44 residents. How finance either move? These and many other questions have been given our attention.

To help in answering these questions we have been investigating and inspecting possible sites for relocation in Allegheny, Beaver and Butler Counties. We have toured other such facilities and seen them in operation. We have surveyed our denomination to determine its needs and desires. No definitive answer was indicated, but perhaps some trends showed. We met with four members of the Advisory Board, Dr. Stewart Lee, Mr. Joseph Lamont, Mr. John Mitchell and Dr. Bruce Stewart; Superintendent and Mrs. Martin and Mr. Sanderson. The session was productive; new channels of approach were suggested and so we continue to pray for more knowledge of God's will and to gather more information necessary before any move be made.

Getting sufficient financial support and dispensing it wisely in keeping with Christian principles and legal requirements are matters ever before us. Our costs have risen 7.2%. The average cost per member this year was over $600 per month. An increase of 10.5% for residential care and 16% for intermediate care to go into effect in January of 1978 was approved by the Board. However, we have not forgotten that we have a commitment to the members, particularly of our

denomination, who have served the Lord (and still are) and who receive little or no financial compensation in return, and that commitment will be honored.

We thank God for a capable and devoted staff. We have raised wages, salaries, and/or given small bonuses as well as raising the minimum allowance to our residents.

An encouraging note is that the donations increased by 17.5% for this year. This was especially appreciated since Synod found it necessary to cut back on its financial support.

One matter the Board hoped it need not face was met head on when in the Superintendent's Report for November, Mr. Martin requested his release from the position by June 30, 1978. There was much prayer, discussion, questioning and investigation and the request was granted with the deepest regret.

This matter has been resolved by appointing Mr. Kenneth Sanderson, who has earned his Administrative License for managing a nursing home, as Acting Superintendent upon the retirement of Mr. Martin. Mr. William Weir was offered an administrative post. His work and training under Mr. Martin will begin March 1, 1978 and continue till July 1st at which time he would become Assistant Superintendent. Both men have accepted the offers. We feel particularly blessed that these men with a knowledge and understanding of our needs and the ability and interest to deal with them will be available when the vacancy occurs, God willing.

At this time we would like to express our appreciation to Mr. Martin who has served us faithfully for more than eight years. He can fix physical breakdowns of kitchen appliances, heating equipment on up the scale to those mental, emotional and spiritual breakdowns brought on by human frailty. He always has a listening ear, a sympathetic heart and a willing hand for anyone who has a problem. He is most approachable and on duty or on call twenty-four hours almost daily. He ministers with compassion and love to the physical, social and spiritual needs not only to the Home family, but to the entire Home staff. He has always had a close relationship with the Board, giving leadership and cooperation at all times.

The Board would like to express publicly the thanks and appreciation due the Auxiliary for the effort and time expended to add to the comfort and the welfare of the Home family.

This year 453 membership cards were sent out which is a decrease. Why not double that next year?

Any member in good standing in the Reformed Presbyterian Church, N.A. may become an Association member by payment of

$1.00 annual dues; a Life Member by the gift of $25.00 at one time; or a Life Director by the gift of $100.00 at one time. By the same donation, one may be named a Life Member or Life Director in Memoriam.

Respectfully submitted,
Adella Lawson, Secretary

REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN WOMAN'S ASSOCIATION

Income and Expense **Worksheet** for 1977

TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES		$ 315,665
INCOME — Generated from Members		
Members Boarding Payments	62,919	
Pension and Social Security	84,359	
Transfer from Members Funds (from Principal of their deposited funds)	19,502	
Supplemental Security Income (State Welfare)	10,506	
Medicare Payments	548	
Total		179,659

Total Operating Expenses	315,665
Income Generated from Members	179,659
Net Operating Loss	136,006
Average Number Members	42
Average Loss per Member	3,238
Loss Attributable to R. P. Members (35 R. P. Members)	107,909
Loss Attributable to R. P. Ministers, Minister's Wives, Missionaries (14)	43,294

INCOME — Generated from Sources **Other Than** Members		
Association Dues	466	
Endowment Income (Interest and Dividends	53,631	
Donations	34,921	
Bequests	13,035	
Synod's Budget	10,833	
Total	112,886	
TOTAL INCOME		292,545
EXCESS OF **EXPENSES** OVER INCOME		23,120

REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN WOMAN'S ASSOCIATION
COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF INCOME
AND EXPENSES AND CURRENT FUND

	December 31,	
INCOME	**1977**	**1976**
Association Dues	$ 466	$ 536
Donations	34,921	29,657
Bequests	13,035	12,333
Supplemental Security Income	10,506	8,782
Pension & Social Security	84,359	78,413
Interest on Bonds	19,747	22,480
Interest on Savings	5,367	5,561
Interest on Endowment with Synod	6,594	6,269
Dividends	21,923	19,784
Medicare Payments	548	826
Share of Synod Budget	10,833	8,750
Transfer From Members Funds	19,502	16,333
Miscellaneous Income	1,825	1,134
Life Insurance Proceeds	None	1,322
Members Boarding Payments	62,919	57,432
TOTAL INCOME	292,545	269,612
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Salaries	$ 192,699	$ 180,916
Payroll Taxes	14,215	13,671
Allowance to Members	4,912	5,334
Food	28,384	26,594
Utilities	16,061	14,846
Maintenance	16,764	11,651
Transportation	1,455	1,380
Office	1,603	1,800
Insurance	9,826	9,290
Drugs & Medical	12,172	9,823
Burial Expense	1,998	3,621
Furnishings & Equipment	1,251	2,079
Telephone	1,131	1,067
General	4,827	5,526
Audit, Accounting & Legal	4,145	2,814
Investment Services	3,910	3,818
Investment Property Expense	312	305
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	315,665	294,535
EXCESS OF EXPENSES OVER INCOME	23,120	24,923
CURRENT FUND, BEGINNING OF YEAR	52,751	77,674
CURRENT FUND, END OF YEAR	$ 29,631	$ 52,751

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

We have completed our 80th year taking care of those who have come to the Home. We thank the Lord for His providential care and guidance. I have been with the Home for about one-tenth of that time!

As time passes we all begin to wear out. So it is with our buildings and equipment. This is continuing concern and we need to set aside funds regularly to replace those pieces of equipment which will inevitably break down. (The ideal of course, would be to replace them the year before they actually break down.)

Last year I enumerated when the buildings were erected and when major improvements were made and equipment installed.

Eight and one half years ago, I came to the Home to help them briefly until they secured a full time administrator. Within two years many changes had taken place. New rules and regulations were being imposed on the Home and the Administrator. Administrators were required to take special training, take tests, and be licensed. Continuing Education was required. The regulations for the Home were more stringent. Policies, procedures, job descriptions and regulations had to be written and approved. More and more inspectors came to the Home. These were carried on regardless of the fact that we received no Federal or State aid. We do have the 'tax exempt' status, which does help.

Through the years the costs have risen gradually. But during the past eight years they have risen at a much more rapid rate than previously. From 1958 to 1968 the cost of living rose an average of 1.8% each year. From 1968 to 1978 the cost of living has risen an average of 8.6% a year. The years when the rise was the greatest were 1974, 14.8% and 1975, 13.4%.

Our costs at the Home have reflected this. The annual cost of operation in 1958 was $33,010; in 1963 it was $103,819; in 1968 it was $134,151; in 1973 it was $202,061; and 1977 it was $315,665.

Our income has also risen, for which we are grateful. Our total income in 1963—$103,820; in 1968—$150,639; in 1973—$214,-681; and in 1977—$292,545.

If the inflation spiral continues at the present accelerated pace we will need to find additional sources of income or become dependent upon "the Government". A large percentage of those in our Home and those we anticipate serving in the future will probably have limited resources. One third of our present membership are not able to meet our current rates, and these are below what it actually costs

to operate the Home by more than $175 per person per month. If we were to increase our rates to the actual cost of operation there would be many more unable to meet this figure.

The big item of cost, of course, is that of payroll and payroll taxes. In 1958 the cost in this department was $11,243; in 1963 this cost was $54,985; in 1968 it was $65,767; in 1973 it was $121,400; and in 1977 it was $206,914. It was in 1967 that we came under the minimum wage law regulations.

All of you are well aware of the increasing costs in all areas. This is a continuing concern to us as many of our members have limited resources and fixed pensions. What the future holds we do not know. We do know that the Lord has provided in the past, is providing at present, and will provide in the future. He does it through friends and sometimes in unexpected and spectacular ways. We live by faith in a loving God.

This report has covered more than 1977. This is my last year as Administrator. I have enjoyed it, but feel it is time to turn the work over to another. I wish to thank the Board for their fine support and guidance through the years. They attend meetings faithfully and are businesslike in their approach to the needs of the Home. I am confident that this same spirit will continue as Mr. Kenneth Sanderson takes over the administration of the Home. Mr. William Weir will be his assistant and will be studying for Licensure. We covet your prayers for these men, and for the Board as they continue to serve the Lord through serving the members here in The Reformed Presbyterian Home.

I would also like to speak briefly of the work of the Auxiliary to the Board. This is simply a voluntary group who meets twice a year and also assist on Donation Day and at the time of the McKee Dinner. These are friends of the Home who raise money to assist with the purchase of many items which bring added comfort or pleasure to the Home family. Their cards and letters also bring a little extra joy into the lives of our members.

The employees of the Home are a faithful and conscientious group of workers, who are responsible to a large degree for the pleasant atmosphere and cleanly condition of the Home. We ask your prayers that this may continue.

Our staff in 1977 was; (Some of these will be changing during the year of 1978.)

Administrator	M. W. Martin
Assistant Administrator	W. K. Sanderson
Resident Assistant	Miss Etta Weatherford
Treasurer	Mrs. Mabel Hemphill
Assistant Treasurer	Mrs. Shirley McMillan

Bookkeeper ..... Mrs. Marian Martin
Volunteer Secretary/
Receptionist ..... Miss Elisabeth Henderson
Part-Time Secretary ..... Mrs. Sandra Finnegan
Food Service Supervisor ..... Mrs. Marjorie Sanderson

We would encourage any who are in the area, or passing through the area to stop and visit us. This brings added joy to our members and will to you also.

Respectfully submitted,
M. W. Martin, Administrator

The Report of the National Reform Association was taken up, received and is printed in the Appendix to the MINUTES.

The Report of the Reformation Translation Fellowship was taken up, received, and is printed in the Appendix to the MINUTES.

The Committee on Arrangements reported that their duties were attended to. The verbal report of Jack White was received.

The Report of the Committee on Questions on Covenanting was taken up. The Committee brought in a substitute for Item 1. The Item was referred back to the Committee to report again to this Synod.

A partial report of the Nominating Committee was read and adopted.

The Synod was adjourned in prayer H. E. McKelvey.

THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 1978, 8:30 A.M.

The Synod met pursuant to adjournment in the Chapel of Calvin College on Thursday, June 22, 1978, at 8:30 a.m.

The Court was constituted in prayer by Paul Wright.

Donald Piper led in devotions preaching from Colossians 3:1-4:1 on the theme "The New Life".

The minutes were read and approved.

The Report of the Committee on Time and Place was taken up, adopted and is as follows:

TIME AND PLACE COMMITTEE

The Time and Place Committee recommends that Synod meet at Geneva College from 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 8, until adjournment on Friday, June 15, 1979.

Don Piper
Joe Lamont

The Report of the Committee on Finance was taken up. Items 1 and 7 were laid on the table until after the adoption of the Report of the Committee on Travel Fund and Absences. Items 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 8 were adopted.

Pastor Ross Graham, fraternal delegate from the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, was introduced to the Court.

The Report of the Committee on Procedures of Synod was taken up. Paragraph III was adopted by more than a two-thirds majority vote. Paragraph IX was taken up and stricken from the Report. Paragraph XVII was taken up and stricken from the Report. Synod adopted the recommendation of the Committee that Synod recind the action of 1954 commonly called the "five year rule". (Minutes 1954, p. 50).

The Chapter, as amended, was adopted by a two-thirds majority vote and ordered to be sent down in overture to the sessions. The Committee was discharged. The amended chapter is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SYNODICAL PROCEEDURES BOOK OF CHURCH GOVERNMENT 12

I. The following rules for the guidance of Synod are those commonly observed by the courts of all churches in the Presbyterian system. In so far as they are applicable they should be followed also by the lower courts. It is not to be assumed that they meet every condition, for "under extraordinary circumstances extraordinary things may be done".

II. After the organization of Synod, the moderator shall call for papers addressed to the court (Chap. XI, par. 11). All papers must be presented within the first three days. A paper is considered regular in form when it has either: (1) been transferred by a lower court of the church or a board of Synod, or (2) bears the signature of at least two members of the court. If regular in form and properly transferred, so much of each one shall be read as indicates the matter with which it deals. It may be disposed of in any of the following ways: (1) acted on immediately, (2) referred to a committee or board for study, or (3) placed on Synod's docket for later consideration. The boards and standing committees shall bring their reports and recommendations before the court for immediate discussion and adoption, unless some special disposition of the matter is proposed. All other business shall be by motion, regularly made and seconded. Any member is at liberty to make or second a motion.

III. (a) The following motions must be decided without debate:
1. To adjourn
2. To take up particular items of business, or motions relating to the priority of business
3. To reconsider
4. For the previous question
5. To entertain a substitute.

(b) A member may speak once on:
1. A question of order
2. Postponement for the present
3. Commitment

(c) On all other questions a member may speak not more than twice except by permission of the court. He may speak only on the question before the court, except for an explanation or on a question of privilege. Each speach shall be no longer than ten (10) minutes, except by permission of the court.

IV. A member who desires to speak must rise and address the moderator, and may not proceed until the moderator announces his name. The moderator shall give the floor to one who first addresses him. If two or more address him at the same time, the one furtherest from the chair shall be recognized.

V. If a speaker acts in a disorderly manner, indulges in personal reflection, uses improper language, or deviates from the subject in hand, it is the privilege of any member and the duty of the moderator to call him to order. No speaker shall be interupted unless out of order, or that mistakes may be corrected, or because the hour has arrived for the order of the day, or for recess or adjournment. If interrupted for the latter reason he shall be entitled to continue when consideration of the subject is resumed.

VI. Synod may set a time limit on all speakers. Where opinion is sharply divided, the time shall be shared as equitably as possible between representatives of both sides of the question.

VII. The moderator shall not engage in the discussions of the court. If he desires to exercise his rights as a member temporarily, he may ask the clerk to preside. If he leaves the chair, he shall call upon a former moderator to preside until he returns.

VIII. The moderator shalf decide all points of order. Any member may appeal from a decision and state his reasons. The moderator may reply without leaving the chair. There shall be no further debate, and without a motion a vote shall be taken on sustaining the decision.

IX. On request of any member the moderator may require that a motion be written. If a motion is proposed containing two or more parts which involve separate principles or statements of fact, a division of the question may be called for and must be granted. Each part shall be considered and voted on as an independent motion. A motion may be withdrawn by the maker with the consent of the second if it has not been debated. Otherwise consent must be obtained from the court.

X. Any amendment, germane to the motion, may be proposed. An amendment may be moved, but no further complication shall be permitted. The vote shall be first on the amendment to the motion, and finally on the motion as amended. A motion not germane to the one being considered may be moved as a substitute. This is done by moving to lay the original motion on the table "to entertain the following substitute: '_____'." A motion to lay on the table to entertain a substitute is debateable and needs only a majority vote to carry. If the motion to entertain the substitute carries, the substitute becomes the question before the house, and, if it passes the original motion is lost. If the substitute is voted down, the motion comes automatically before the court.

XI. During debate the following motions only may be entertained with precedence in the order named:
   a. To fix the time to which to adjourn. This may be amended as to time.
   b. To adjourn. This is always in order, except when a vote is being taken, or when a member is speaking.
   c. To lay on the table, or to postpone.
   d. To postpone to a certain time. This may be amended as to time.
   e. For the previous question.
   f. To commit. This may be amended as to the committee and accompanying instructions.
   g. To substitute.
   h. To amend.

XII. A motion to lay on the table, if passed stops debate at that time, but the matter may be taken up again at the same session by a majority vote of the members present.

XIII. A motion to reconsider can be entertained only at the same meeting of Synod at which the action was taken and only if made and seconded by members who voted with the majority.

XIV. The following motions require two-thirds vote to pass:
   a. To postpone indefinitely.
   b. To lay on the table.

c. For the previous question.
d. To suspend the rules of order.
e. To submit an overture.

All other motions require a simple majority.

XV. The "previous question" which is a call for the vote, has the effect of cutting off debate on the motion immediately before the court. If passed, the only qualifying motion allowable is for a record of the yeas and nays. The vote shall be taken immediately.

XVI. When the moderator begins to take a vote, no further debate is in order. The moderator shall state or the clerk shall read the motion. The vote shall then be taken, and the moderator shall announce the result. If unable to decide, or if a division is called for, or if a two-thirds vote is necessary, a rising vote shall be taken. The clerks shall count the votes, and the moderator shall announce the decision.

Respectfully submitted,
H. B. Harrington
C. S. Sterrett
David Coon
T. A. Price
Ralph Joseph, Chr.

A resolution regarding abortion was referred to a committee of Kenneth Smith, Wayne Spear, and Donald Reed to report to the Synod after lunch today.

The Report of the Committee to Revise the Testimony was taken up. Chapter 21 was taken up and referred back to the Committee. Items 1, 2, and 3 were adopted. The Report was adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE TESTIMONY REVISION COMMITTEE

The Testimony Revision Committee met twice during the last year with all members of the committee present.

It will be recalled that the Synod of 1977 adopted the Introduction, the Explanation, and Chapters 1—13, with the exception of Chapter 4, which was returned to the committee for further consideration.

The committee is presenting to the Synod of 1978 Chapters 4 and 14—22 for your consideration and vote.

The Clerk of Synod in his report will be repeating the recommendations of last Synod with respect to the manner in which debate will be

carried out on the revision. If these are adopted by this Synod as part of the Clerk's report, they will guide us in our debate.

Quite a number of changes have been made in these chapters in comparison with the material given out at the Synod of 1976. So we suggest that you compare the material here in the Digest with the working copy in which you have made your own notes.

Recommendations:

1. That sessions and individuals be encouraged to study the remaining chapters of the Testimony revision and send suggested changes (if you have not already done so) to the committee chairman by October 15, 1978. (Committee chairman: James D. Carson, 230 Cherry Drive, Pasadena, CA., 91105)
2. That sections adopted at this meeting be printed in the Appendix of the Minutes.
3. That an extra day be planned for the 1979 Synod for the purpose of considering the remaining chapters.

Respectfully submitted,
James D. Carson, Chairman

For the committee consisting of Roy M. Adams, S. Ray Blair, E. Clark Copeland, D. Howard Elliott, Joseph Lamont, William H. Russell, Wayne R. Spear, S. Bruce Willson, J. Renwick Wright.

The Synod expressed their thanks to the Committee for their fine and faithful work and efficient presentation of the Report.

The ballot of the Nominating Committee was distributed and nominations made and closed.

The Court was recessed in prayer by Roy Blackwood.

THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 1978, 1:30 P.M.

The Court was reconvened in prayer by Floyd Finley.

The Roll was noted.

The Court voted to meet Thursday evening at 7:30 p.m.

Dr. J. Barton Payne, a representative from the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, addressed the Court.

Corrections in the ballot were made. Nominations were closed. Following prayer by Howard Elliott the Court voted on the ballot provided by the Nominating Committee.

The Report of the Committee on Covenanting was taken up. The rules governing the debate of the Report of the Committee to

Revise the Testimony were invoked for the discussion of this Report. Item 1, concerning Ordination Query 5 was divided into two sections. Section B which reads, " . . . that the obligations of such covenants are perpetual; and that the Covenant of 1871 is binding upon the Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America," was deleted by more than a two-thirds majority vote. The first part of query 5 was referred back to the Committee for further action.

The Report of the Judicial Committee was taken up. Paper 78—1 was taken up. The Committee's response was adopted. Paper 78—4 was taken up. The Committee's response was adopted. Paper 78—10 was taken up. The Committee's response was adopted. The Report was adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE JUDICIAL COMMITTEE

Dear Fathers and Brethren:

Three papers have been submitted to us. Paper 78—1, from Bob Henning and Bruce Martin, concerns the transfer of students of theology from one jurisdiction to another. The paper is as follows:

> Dear Fathers and Brothers,
>
> Since Synod last met, a confusing matter has arisen regarding the transfer of students of theology from the care of one presbytery to that of another. Our constitution, we believe, is not sufficiently clear on this matter as is indicated by the conflicting interpretations given by presbyters and presbyteries.
>
> The Book of Church Government, Chapter 6, paragraph 5 speaks of the transfer of the care of a presbytery for such student for the purpose of licensure, yet it does not refer to any other cases of transfer. Paragraph 9 of the same chapter indicates that such students are not members of presbyteries, though each is under the care of presbytery as well as the care of his session.
>
> The matter to be addressed and perhaps clarified in the Book of Church Government is the proper procedure for a student of theology to be removed from the care of one presbytery and taken under the care of another presbytery. Is the Presbytery to transfer one who is not a member of the presbytery to another presbytery, or is the transfer of care automatic with the transfer of membership from one congregation to another? Is the student of theology to petition one or both presbyteries for the transfer of his care?

A related question is, Is there any difference in the transferral procedure between a licensed and a non-licensed student of theology since the licensed student has received "a certificate of licensure valid in any presbytery of the church". (Ch. Gov't., VI, 9).

It would appear that in our mobile society, the aforementioned matter will arise more often so that Synod will need to clarify what the proper procedure is.

For the Glory of the King,
Robert A. Henning
J. Bruce Martin

Our ruling as to the proper procedure in such cases is the following:

When a student of theology or a licentiate transfers his membership from a congregation in one presbytery to a congregation in another presbytery, he shall apply to his new presbytery to be taken under their care. His new session should take particular care to counsel him to that end. We note that even a licentiate, until ordained, retains his membership in a congregation and therefore must be under the care of the presbytery to which his congregation belongs.

Paper 78—4 from St. Lawrence Presbytery deals with the call on Richard Ganz from the Christian Counseling and Educational Foundation. The paper asks a series of questions, which are here presented, together with our answers:

a. How does the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America relate to an organization such as the Christian Counseling and Educational Foundation in terms of a call and ordination?

   We answer that our standards make no provision for a call from outside of ecclesiastical circles. A regular call must come from a congregation or from a church court.

b. How should the counseling done by Dr. Ganz at the Center be different from normal pastoral counseling?

   We answer that it should not be different, in its theological perspective, from ordinary pastoral counseling.

c. How would this ordination differ from that of a man who is now in educational work, administrative work, public relations, etc., but who retains his ordination?

   Our answer is that the difference lies in the initial intention of the ordination.

d. Is it possible to ordain a man to an office without at the same time giving him authority in the church courts?

   We answer that with our present standards it is not possible to

ordain a man to an office without giving him authority in the church courts. The committee notes that the Committee on Officers of the Church is dealing with this question.

e. How would the Presbytery maintain oversight of Richard Ganz if he were ordained to this ministry which is outside the denomination?

In the light of our answer to question "a", we see no reason to try to answer this last question.

Conclusion: According to our standards, the call on Richard Ganz from the Christian Counseling and Educational Foundation is not a regular Gospel call.

Paper 78—10 from Thomas Price and Dean R. Smith, proposes a substitute for the practice of calling **pro re nata** meetings.

Dear Fathers and Brothers:

In the last several years situations have arisen which have necessitated the calling of "pro re nata" meetings of Synod and Presbytery to change the time and/or place of said meetings. It appears to us that the calling and constitution of the court for the purpose of only one action to be followed by adjournment and then reconstitution again in another meeting immediately following is an unnecessary exercise in ritual and formality.

We would therefore propose the following changes in the constitution and recommend they be sent down in overture.

Book of Church Government chapter 10 paragraph 4

Add after 3rd sentence—

"The moderator may also, under unusual circumstances or for specific reason, change the previously fixed time or place on the basis of a canvas of the sessions and ministers without pastorates taken by the clerk by phone or mail.

Change thr 4th sentence to read—

. . . moderator in calling the special meeting or in changing the time or place of the meeting.

Church Government chapter 11 paragraph 4

Delete last phrase beginning with "unless it be a 'pro re nata' meeting, etc."

Than add—

"Under unusual circumstances, or for specific reason, the previously fixed time or place of the meeting may be changed by a canvas of the sessions and ministers without pastorates taken by the clerk by phone

or mail. The results of the canvas shall be conveyed to the moderator and he shall determine whether or not the proposed change shall take place.

Signed,
Tom Price
Dean R. Smith

The Judicial Committee does not consider this issue of such gravity that it requires an amendment of the Constitution. We believe that the present practice concerning the change of the time of meeting of church courts does contain certain safeguards important in time of high tension. We recommend to Synod and Presbyteries the exercise of Christian prudence and common sense in this matter. As regards Presbyteries, we call attention to Chapter 10 in the Book of Church Government which notes no mention of **pro re nata** meetings. Paragraphs 4 and 5 of Chapter 10 do give general directions for dealing with special cases.

Respectfully submitted,
Francis Buck
Wayne Spear
Neal Mann
Robert Tweed
William Edgar
John McMillan, Chr.

The following resolution was adopted by the Court:

RESOLUTION REGARDING ABORTION

That the Moderator of the Synod, on behalf of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America, be directed to communicate to the President of the United States, the members of Congress, and the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court the following statement:

> "God declares in Sacred Scripture that civil government, no less than the Church, is a divine institution and owes its authority to God. The Bible is the supreme revelation of God's will and teaches that the unborn child is a human person deserving the full protection of the Sixth Commandment, 'You shall not murder'. We who love our nation, in the name of Jesus Christ, call upon you to renounce the sin of abortion, to repent of the complicity in the mass slaughter of innocent unborn children who are persons in the sight of God, to reverse the ruinous direction of both law and practice in this area, and to avert the inevitable judgement of God for such flagrant disregard of God's law. The obedience to God which places us in subjection to your rightful authority, requires of us to proclaim

the counsel of God as it bears upon that same God-given authority."

Note: That the other assemblies be informed of our action.

Signed,
Kenneth Smith
Wayne Spear
Don Reed

The Report of the Committee on Questions on Covenanting was taken up. Item 2 was adopted. The amended Ordination Query 5 was ordered sent down in overture to the sessions. The Report was received and is included in the Appendix to the Minutes.

Paul Martin asked to be removed from the duties of the Committee on the Questions on Covenanting. The Court agreed and directed the Moderator to appoint his replacement. Duncan Lowe was appointed as chairman in his place.

The Committee on Pastor's Salaries was taken up. Items 1—3 were adopted.

The Court took recess in prayer by Ray McCracken.

THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 1978, 7:30 P.M.

The Court was reconvened in prayer by Harold Harrington.

The minutes were read and approved.

The Roll was noted.

The Moderator announced the appointment of Bruce Hemphill to replace Paul Martin on the Committee on Questions on Covenanting.

The Nominating Committee announced the results of the election.

Pastor Francis Nigel Lee, was introduced to the Court.

Greetings from the Synod of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church were read.

The Report of the Committee to Study Paper 76—12 regarding the administration of sacraments was taken up. The Report was referred to a new committee to report to the next meeting of Synod.

The Court was adjourned in prayer by John O. Edgar.

FRIDAY, JUNE 23, 1978, 8:30 A.M.

The Synod met pursuant to adjournment in the chapel of Calvin Seminary on Friday, June 23, 1978 at 8:30 a.m.

The Court was constituted in prayer by Robert McCracken.

The Roll was noted.

Ray Joseph led in devotions preaching from Colossians 4:2-18 on the theme of "Prayer and Witness".

The minutes were read and approved.

The Report of the Committee on Ministers' Salaries was taken up. Item 4 was adopted. The Report was adopted and is as follows:

COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER MINISTER'S SALARIES

Recommendations:

1. That this salary scale be regarded as a **guideline** to advise congregations and presbyteries, but that local/regional differences should be considered in the determination of appropriate salaries for pastors.
2. That an equitable rule of thumb for calculating a pastor's salary be the median income of the congregation.
3. That the Pension Trustees be directed to modify the provision of Plan "B" by finding an alternative method of assessing, so that this method can be implemented by 1981.
4. That for purposes of the Pension Plan, the minimum salary for the following 3 years be set according to this scale:

Year	No. Exp.	1 yr.	2 yrs.	3 yrs.	4 yrs.	5 or more
1979	$ 9,100	$ 9,700	$10,300	$10,900	$11,500	$12,100
1980	9,700	10,300	10,900	11,500	12,100	12,700
1981	10,300	10,900	11,500	12,100	12,700	13,300

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Edgar
Bob Copeland
Thompson Kerr
Neal Mann
W. A. McElroy, Chairman

Dr. J. Kromminga, President of Calvin Seminary was introduced to the Court.

The Report of the Committee on Records of Presbyteries was read, adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES EXAMINING THE RECORDS OF PRESBYTERIES AND COMMISSIONS

The Minutes of the Midwest, New York, Ohio-Illinois, Pacific Coast, Pittsburgh and St. Lawrence Presbyteries, and of the Japan Commission have been examined and nothing has been found contrary to the law and order of the Church, with the following exceptions:

In the Minutes of New York Presbytery, there are two notations of items attached to the Minutes (cr. Pg. 170 & 173) which are not. Also there is no record on Pages 178 & 180 of the Easton Commission being constituted in prayer.

In the Minutes of Ohio-Illinois Presbytery, the Minutes of the Church Extension Commission for 2/14/78 and 3/13/78 were not approved. The examination of Stan Copeland was done by a committee and not by a Commission of Presbytery (Ch. Gov't. Chap. VIII par. 2). Also the members of Presbytery were asked to sustain the exam they had not witnessed by a roll call vote. Also the Minutes of 3/24/78 were not signed. The Committee would also commend Ohio-Illinois Presbytery for their involvement in Overseas mission activity and recommend that closer ties in this be established with the Foreign Mission Board.

In the Minutes of Pittsburgh Presbytery there is an incomplete sentence at the bottom of page 121.

In the Minutes of St. Lawrence Presbytery the Minutes of June 6 and 9 have not been approved. Mr. Charles Leach was licensed with the following reservation to Query 5 — "I believe that religious covenanting as historically understood is not an ordinance of worship demanded by God in His Word". Also the following questions were raised:

On page 77 reference was made to the apparent resolution of certain problems referred to on page 57. Syracuse Session had administered the Lord's Supper in a manner contrary to the then current law and order of the Church. When exhorted by Presbytery with respect to these matters, the Session replied with a denial. What then was the nature of the resolution to the apparent impasse? On page 79 it is noted that Syracuse gained "between 7 and 10" members. Why the imprecision?

In the Minutes of the Japan Commission the November 7, 1977 minutes were presented without having been previously approved by the Commission.

A Special Review of the Minutes of Iowa Presbytery was called for in Paper 78—3. Two members were added to the Review Committee by the Nominating Committee and their report is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE THE MINUTES OF IOWA PRESBYTERY

We have examined the records of Iowa Presbytery and have found nothing contrary to the Law and Order of the Church.

Signed,
Kenneth A. McBurney
Tom Price
Ken Sanderson

In regard to the request made by six (6) elders of the Sharon Congregation to review the actions of Iowa Presbytery, we would report that we have carefully reviewed the actions of this Presbytery. We believe they have acted legally and in love and out of egnuine concern for the future life of the Sharon Congregation.

We note with encouragement the concern of these six (6) elders for the future life of the congregation. We would urge them to apply the Word of God found in Paul's letter to Titus, chapter three (3). We would further urge them to work with the appointed authorities of Christ's Church and one another in bringing about the unity of the body in the bond of peace.

Recommendations:

1. We recommend that the Synod forward our findings to the signers of paper 78—3 and Iowa Presbytery.

Signed:
Kenneth A. McBurney
Tom Price
Ken Sanderson
Ronald V. Good
Donald R. Reed

Respectfully submitted,
Robert B. McCracken,
Ass't. Clerk of Synod

The Report of the Committee on Resolution of Thanks was read. Item 1 was adopted. John White led in prayer of thanksgiving. Items 2 and 3 were adopted. The Report was adopted and is as follows:

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

Brethren:

The Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America in our day has been passing through a time of trial and anguish. Conflicts have divided brethren on deeply serious issues as well as on less basic ones. Our hearts are torn by the anguish of our own minds, and also in sympathy for brethren whom we know have been torn by recent trials of faith. Every one of us understands of what we speak.

In the light of this, can we find reasons for giving thanks to the Almighty God, Our Heavenly Father?

The prophet Jeremiah poured out his Lamentations before this same covenant God in circumstances not totally dissimilar from ours. Let us remember that it is of God's mercies that we are not consumed; so as the prophet says, "The Lord's lovingkindness indeed never ceases. For His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; Great is Thy faithfulness." Lam. 3:22-23.

In the knowledge that we serve the same unchanging God, who is the same yesterday, today, yes, and forever, we recommend the following:

1. That the Synod now stand while we are led in a prayer of humble thanksgiving for:
   a. His Redemption mercies to us as a church.
   b. His kind providences and provisions through another year and
   c. For journeying mercies.
2. That our Moderator convey to the administration and staff of Calvin College and Seminary our sincere thanks for their gracious hospitality and accomodations.
3. That we hereby express our thanks to the officers of Synod and the board and committee representatives for their efficient service during this Synod.

Respectfully submitted,
Roy Bessell
Paul Loker
J. Paul Wilson

It was moved that the first $3000 of undesignated funds be used for Graduate Study Fund. The motion was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Report of the Committee on Officers of the Church was read. The recommendations were adopted. The report was received and is as follows:

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE OFFICE OF ELDER

Your committee would report that various of the members have met informally on several occasions throughout the year. For a number of reasons, including the unavailability of Dr. Wright, the committee decided not to bring in items for adoption this Synod.

Recommendations:

1. That this Committee be continued to report to the 1979 Synod.
2. That Synod give priority to the Committee's Report in the 1979 **Docket** due to the numerous items referred to the Committee.
3. That the Committee be granted travel expense for up to two meetings during the year.
4. That the Committee be authorized to send study materials to sessions and ministers during the year it seems advisable.

Signed,
B. R. Backensto,
Roy Blackwood,
Gordon J. Keddie,
Kermit S. Edgar,
Ronald W. Nickerson, Chairman

The Report on the Committee on Travel Fund and Absences was taken up. Items 1—6 were adopted. The Report was received and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRAVEL FUND AND ABSENCES

Your committee would report that this year's Travel Fund expenses amount to $13,479.94.

Comparative Report

Year	Rate	Receipts	Amount Paid	Cummulative Difference
75	$3.25	$13,980.70	$11,514.25	$(3,781.37)
76	3.75	15,141.50	21,538.95	(6,397.45)
77	4.00	15,578.00	14,086.00	(4,905.45)
78	4.50**	18,000.00*	13,479.94	
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Estimated
***This is to be paid to the Denominational Treasurer by 12/31/78.*

The following men have made known to your committee their reasons for absences:

Wilbur McElroy
Roy Blackwood
Dr. G. M. Robb
Philip Martin
Bruce Martin
Jack White
James Pennington
Gordon Keddie
James McCrory
Duncan Lowe
Don Piper
Edward Robson
Dale Smith
Lester Kilpatrick
Donald Gouge
J. Edward Hindman
Kermit Edgar
Robert B. Tweed
Ronald Nickerson
Kenneth G. Smith
Melville W. Martin
Floyd Finley
Stan Copeland
James Dobbs
J. D. Birdsell

Recommendations:

1. That the 1979 Synod Travel allowance be:
   a. Delegates shall be reimbursed for travel expenses on the basis of air coach fare and transportation to and from the airport, unless it is cheaper to drive, or unless two or more delegates travel together. For those paid on the basis of driving a car, Synod shall pay 10¢ per mile, plus highway and bridge tolls.
   b. Round trip bus or train fare for delegates using these modes travel.
2. That those who know themselves to be delegates to the 1979 Synod be urged to make plane reservations as far in advance as possible so as to take full advantage of the lowest possible rates.
3. That the congregational travel assessment for 1979 be set by the Committee on Finance.
4. That delegates be paid by check.
5. That the names of those who have been lax in their responsibility to attend Synod and yet willing to accept their travel checks be made known by the committee to their presbyteries for proper counsel.
6. That we thank Miss Judy Linhart and Mr. Louis Hutmire for their help.

Respectfully submitted,
J. Edwards Hindman
Thomas A. Price, Jr.,
Chairman

The Report of the Committee on Paper 78—5 regarding the succession of the moderator was taken up, adopted by more than a two-thirds majority vote. The Constitutional change was ordered sent down in overture to the sessions. The Paper and Report are as follows:

To: The 149th Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church
Subject: Overture to Amend **Bk. Ch. Gov't.** XI.5.

The undersigned, members of the Court, respectfully ask the Court to approve the following change in the **Book of Church Government** and submit it in overture:

Chapter XI, para. 5 (page 267), sentence 4. Remove the sentence beginning "In his absence the last preceding . . . " and substitute the following:

"In case of the absence or disqualification of the moderator, the court shall be constituted by the last preceding moderator; or in case of his absence or disqualification, by the oldest qualified minister present."

Argument: This change is necessary to provide a clear and orderly succession for the constitution of Synod, and to make the rules of Synod consistent with the rules for Presbyteries (XI 8, p. 263). It would reinstate the provisions of the former rules of Synod, in force prior to 1945. The present paragraph is unclear whether the moderators alternate has the authority to constitute the court, and does not provide for the absence or disqualification of the next preceding moderator.

Robert M. Copeland
Jerold S. Milroy
Paul M. Martin

We recommend the adoption of the following proposal, and sending it down in overture:

Amend the Book of Church Government, Chapter XI, Section 5, Page 267.

Strike the sentence beginning in line 5 that reads, "In the absence . . . "

In its place put: "In the event of his absence or disability the last preceding moderator present shall constitute the court and preside over its organization."

The Parliamentarians,
Lester Kilpatrick
E. Raymond Hemphill
E. Clark Copeland

The Report of the Committee on Interchurch Correspondence and Study was taken up. Items 1 and 2 were referred back to the Committee. Item 3 was referred to the Committee on Finance. Items 4—8 were adopted. Item 9 was referred to the Nominations Committee on Finance. Item 10 was referred to the Trustees with the authority to act on the matter.

The Report was adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON INTERCHURCH CORRESPONDENCE AND STUDY TO THE SYNOD OF 1978

Your Committee held one extended meeting on January 23, 1978 with members in the Pittsburgh area and has conducted other business by correspondence.

The concept of Churches in Ecclesiastical Fellowship presented to our last Synod for study was approved by NAPARC in its annual meeting in October with one addition (3c). We are proposing this to Synod not only as a church relationship policy recommended by NAPARC for NAPARC churches in their relationship to each other, but also as the fulfillment of our responsibility to Synod to define clearly what we mean by "fraternal relations".

Fraternal delegates have not been appointed this year to the highest judicatories of NAPARC churches since we will be meeting concurrently. The recommendation of our Committee to the Arrangements Committee at Grand Rapids that the five moderators bring greetings at the Monday evening meeting of all the delegates together was adopted. A fraternal delegate has been appointed to the meeting of the Eureka Classis, and an Observer to the Synod of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church.

Special Study has been made during the year concerning our continuing relationship with the Reformed Ecumenical Synod. The report of our sub-committee to make this study is attached to this report. Your attention is drawn also to several articles in the October 5, 1977 issue of **The Covenanter Witness** by Dr. John White and the Rev. Harold Harrington. Your Committee believes that the implications of our Reformed faith are world-wide, that the mission of our church is world-wide; and that the R. E. S. is a legitimate vehicle through which to share our testimony and involvement.

Representatives of our committee hosted the NAPARC Conference on "Office in the Church" in October. Papers and responses were prepared on "The Nature of Office", "The Office of Elder—One Office", "The Office of Elder—Two Offices", "The Office of Deacon—Function" and "The Office of Deacon—Women Deacons". Cassette tapes

are available of the conference. While there was not agreement at several significant points, there was greater understanding of points of agreement and difference. Since there seemed not only to be differences in exigesis, but also in hermeneutics, the NAPARC meeting in October called for a joint conference on hermaneutics.

NPRF is making good progress in plans for three regional meetings of the Reformed Congress in 1979. About 45 of the outstanding Presbyterian and Reformed leaders in our country are committed to speak on most of the major issues before the church today. The meetings will be at Calvin College, Grove City College and Covenant College. Each meeting will give opportunity for response, discussion and fellowship. We encourage your participation in the Congress and your personal support of NPRF.

Recommendations:

1. That the Synod adopt the following concept of Churches in Ecclesiastical Fellowship recommended by NAPARC as an approved policy for the NAPARC churches in their relationship to each other:
   (1.)That we acknowledge the Scriptural mandate (Ephesians 4) to enter into Ecclesiastical Fellowship where it is consistent with Scriptural unity and truth as a visable demonstration of the unity of the church both to the church and to the world.
   (2.) That we define Ecclesiastical Fellowship as follows: Ecclesiastical Fellowship is a relationship in which the churches involved are Reformed in their confessional standards, church order and church life though there may be such differences between them that union is not possible at this time, and there might be considerable need for mutual concern and admonition.
   (3.) That where churches enter into Ecclesiastical Fellowship with other Reformed churches, that relationships be implemented where possible and desirable by:
      a. Exchange of fraternal delegates at major assemblies (including privileges of the floor)
      b. Occasional pulpit fellowship (Local option)
      c. Intercommunion (Controlled by each session/consistory)
      d. Joint action in areas of common responsibility
      e. Communication on issues of joint concern
      f. The exercise of mutual concern and admonition with a view to promoting the fundamentals of Christian unity (including respect for the discipline of churches with whom we are in Ecclesiastical Fellowship)

(4.) That we mutually recognize that the decision to enter into or withdraw from Ecclesiastical Fellowship with another Reformed church shall be decided by each denomination on an individual basis.

2. That the above concept of Churches in Ecclesiastical Fellowship be adopted by the Synod as our definitive statement regarding "fraternal relations".
3. That we encourage support of the NPRF and the Reformed Congress in 1979, and that $500 from the Miscellaneous Fund be given in 1979 to help to underwrite the Reformed Congress.

ADDENDUM:

We have invited two visitors from the Free Church of Scotland in Canada, to visit our Synod meeting this year.

4. That we accept the invitation of the R.P. Church of Scotland to send 2 delegates to the R.P. Consultative Assembly June 23—28, 1979, representing the 3 areas, Theological Education, Testimony Revision and Foreign Missions.
5. That we continue membership in the R. E. S.
6. That we send $600 to the R. E. S. this year.
7. That we approve the invitation of the Chairman of this Committee to 2 ministers of the Scottish Free Church in Canada, to visit our Synod this year.
8. That a study committee be appointed to consider the theological and practical questions regarding steps toward church union.
9. That we recommend to the Nominating Committee the names of John McMillan, Lester Kilpatrick, incumbents, and Robert Copeland, Paul Martin and Gordon Keddie.
10. That Bruce C. Stewart or some one appointed by this committee be authorized and directed to execute Articles of Incorporation of the Reformed Ecumenical Synod on behalf of the RPCNA.

Respectfully submitted,
Godfrey Franklin
Lester E. Kilpatrick
John M. McMillan
Dean R. Smith
Donald Weilersbacher
John H. White
S. Bruce Willson
James M. Wright
Bruce C. Stewart,
Chairman

REPORT OF SUB-COMMITTEE ON THE R. E. S. to the Committee on Interchurch Correspondence and Study

Assignment to Committee: "That S. Bruce Willson survey our relationship with R. E. S. as called for in our report to the 1977 Synod."

The attention of the Committee is called to two evaluations of the Reformed Ecumenical Synod in The Covenanter Witness, Oct. 5, 1977, pp. 6, 7. These articles by John H. White and Harold B. Harrington summarize objections to our denomination's continued affiliation with the R. E. S., and present reasons for continued participation.

We do well to call attention to the formal Constitution of the R. E. S. as printed in the **1972 Acts of the R. E. S.**, pp. 62-70. Articles II, III, and IV remained unchanged when the constitution was amended that year.

> **Article II Basis** "The basis of the Reformed Ecumenical Synod shall be the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as interpreted by the Confessions of the Reformed faith, namely, the Gallican Confession, the Belgic Confession, the Heidelberg Catechism, the Second Helvetic Confession, the Thirty-Nine Articles, the Canons of Dordt, and the Westminster Confession. The Scriptures in their entirety as well as in every part thereof are the infallible and everabiding Word of the living triune God absolutely authoritative in all matters of creed and conduct; and the Confessions of the Reformed faith are accpeted because they are in accordance with the divine truth as revealed in Scripture."
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> **Article III Purpose** "The purpose of the Reformed Ecumenical Synod shall be:
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> 1. To express the church's oneness in Christ and to promote the unity of the churches which profess and maintain the Reformed faith.
> 2. To give united testimony to the Reformed faith in the midst of the world living in error and groping in darkness, and to the churches which have departed from the truth of God's Holy Word.
> 3. To confer together, as far as advisability or necessity may require, regarding missionary work of the churches at home and abroad.
> 4. To advise one another regarding questions and problems of import pertaining to the spiritual welfare and Scriptural government of the churches.

5. To strive to attain a common course of action with respect to common problems, likewise to issue joint resolutions regarding movements, practices or dangers when joint statements are deemed necessary."

Article IV The Nature and Extent of Authority "The decisions of Synod are advisory in character, but the member-churches are under obligation to take the decisions of Synod under serious consideration in order that the purpose stated in Article III may be attained."

The most pressing questions concerning our continued involvement in R. E. S. are:

1. At least two of the member churches have joined the World Council of Churches and have thus ignored one of the purposes for which R. E. S. was formed.
2. One of the largest member denominations, the Reformed Church in the Netherlands, has manifested a lack of discipline in maintaining a clear position on the Scriptural and Confessional basis of the R. E. S.
3. The apparent reluctance of some member churches to disown the racial policies of the South Africa government as this affects the integrity of the church.
4. The expense involved in sending delegates to distant meeting places.

On the other hand, the reason our church became a member of the R. E. S. was the conviction that there are Biblical grounds for us to "pray and labor for the visable oneness of the Church of God" in our own land and throughout the world "on the basis of truth and Scriptural order".

On the national level we are involved in NAPARC, yet the R. E. S. helps to maintain a world-wide contact with churches committed to the Reformed standards.

In accordance with the statement of Purpose (R. E. S. Constitution, Article III, par. 4), we believe that our Synod has a responsibility within the framework of the R. E. S. to exercise our concern and admonition to our Reformed brethren with a view to promote the fundamentals of Christian unity.

We therefore recommend continued membership in the R. E. S.

The Court adopted the following resolution: That the addressed of the denominations with whom we have fraternal relations be included in the Directory.

The Report of Paper 78—6 was adopted. It and the paper are as follows:

Dear Fathers and Brethren:

The **Directory For Worship**, page 308 of the CONSTITUTION, Chapter II, Section 4, on "Explanation of the Psalm" contains the following statement:

> "The Psalms have a depth of meaning and beauty which cannot be fully appreciated without special study. The custom of explaining the Psalm or a portion of a Psalm should be maintained, and for this the pastor should make careful preparation."

The Lake Reno Session respectfully submits the following questions:

1. Is the Psalm explanation mandatory for pastors of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America? Is it an optional matter? Is it neither completely mandatory nor completely optional, but somewhere in between? If the latter, what guide lines should be followed?
2. Are Reformed Presbyterian pastors to bring the Psalm explanation as a part of the morning worship or the main worship service of the day? Is it permissible to bring the Psalm explanation at some other time?
3. Is it expected that ministers who are not Reformed Presbyterians but who may be supplying a Reformed Presbyterian pulpit for a time, shall bring the Psalm explanation? Would it be regarded as a Serious violation of the law and order of the Church if they did not?

Respectfully submitted,
G. M. Robb
Moderator
Leo Brock
Clerk

By order of the
Lake Reno Session

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER PAPER 78-6

Paper No. 78-6, from the Lake Reno Session, transmitted through Iowa Presbytery, asks three questions, which in essence are:

1. How mandatory is "the Psalm explanation"?
2. Must "the Psalm explanation" be presented at the main worship service of the day?
3. Are pulpit supplies who are not Reformed Presbyterians under the same obligation as R. P. ministers with regard to the Psalm explanation?

The paper cites and refers to the **Directory for Worship**, II.4. (p. 308).

This committee was authorized to report to the 1979 Synod, but we believe that extensive study is unnecessary to answer these questions. The explanation of Psalms is largely a practical matter, one which is raised in the **Directory for Worship** rather than in the **Declaration and Testimony**.

A. The meaning of "explaining the Psalm"

Through the years this term has come to refer almost entirely to what the paper calls "a Psalm explanation". This has taken on a specific understanding in the minds of certain of the brethren, i.e., the selection of one Psalm during the morning service which is "explained" for from 5 to 15 minutes.

It is the committee's judgement that this definition of "Psalm explanation" is too restrictive — i.e., that the **Directory** allows much broader latitude. The point of explaining the Psalms is to explain the meaning and relevance of the Psalm to be sung, so that the congregation can sing with understanding. The goal is that the people of God come to **love** the Psalms. The explanation given may take a variety of forms — e.g., a brief introduction to every Psalm sung, "object lessons" illustrating some aspect of the Psalm, a devotional meditation, or the traditional mini-sermon. The wording of the **Directory** does not require any single or specific method or form in explaining the Psalms.

The point, however, is that some method of explaining the Psalms **is** essential. Chapter II para. 4 is just as obligatory as other comparable parts of the **Directory for Worship** — i.e., it does not rest on any direct Scriptural injunction, but is implicit in such passages as Neh. 8:8 and I Cor. 14:15, as well as in the principle of exclusive Psalmody.

B. Pragmatic considerations

The relevant paragraph (II.4.) points to the undeniable fact that the Psalms are not immediately self-explanatory. Denominations in which the meaning and relevance of the Psalms were not explained have in the past found that when their people no longer understood the Psalms they eventually ceased to sing them.

(This process in one denomination has been documented in a thesis.)

If the Reformed Presbyterian Church intends to retain the practice of Psalm-singing, both history and reason dictate that explaining the Psalms must continue to characterize our worship services.

C. Occasions for "explaining the Psalms"

The practice of explaining the Psalms (as defined above) is ex-

tremely important to the proper worship of God. This may be done with or without the traditional form. In any case, the committee believes that any time a Psalm is announced to be sung in a Reformed Presbyterian worship service, some explanation would be in order regarding the reasons for selecting that Psalm, how Christ is manifested therin, the duty which is required of the believer in that Psalm, or any other appropriate remarks which may help the congregation to sing with reverence and understanding. Such explanations, of course, are not out of place when the Psalms are sung imformally.

D. The question of Pulpit Supplies

The educational task of the church is not suspended in the absence of a pastor. Therefore, the importance of explaining the Psalms does not depend on the identify of the preacher or other speaker.

The committee would point out that the service of worship is the responsibility of the Session, regardless of the presence or absence of the pastor (**Bk. Ch. Govt.**, IX.7., p. 259). Psalm explanations might well be given by the elder who presides in the service, or by session members in rotation. The committee would also suggest that if the person who supplies preaching is **unable** to explain the meaning and relevance of the Psalms (which after all are part of the Scripture), he is not qualified to open the Scriptures to the people of God at all.

E. The spirit of the inquiry.

The committee acknowledges without hesitation the legitimacy of the questions asked. Indeed, in light of the traditional concept of "the Psalm explanation," it is probable that others have asked the same questions. However, part of Q. 3 of Paper 78-6 asks, "Would it be regarded as a serious violation of the law and order of the church if they did not?" It is important that in asking honest questions, Christians do not imply a spirit of legalism by seeking to discover minimum or maximum standards. The purpose of explaining the Psalms is not merely to fulfill the law and order of the Church, but to express and cultivate our understanding of and love for the Psalms.

F. The paper from Iowa Presbytery

As part of its transmittal of Paper 78-6, Iowa Presbytery attached a paper from its own study committee dealing with the questions raised. The Synod's committee found that paper helpful in understanding the background of the original paper. Presbytery's paper reached no conclusions, and asked two questions which we found to be essentially the same as questions 1 and 3 of the original paper. The committee believes that these have been answered above, and so has not responded separately to them.

1. Raymond J. Martin, "The Transition From Psalmody to Hymnody in Southern Presbyterianism, 1753-1901", Thesis Union Theological Seminary, New York. 1963.

Recommendations:

1. That this report be transmitted to Iowa Presbytery as Synod's response to Paper 78-6 from the Lake Reno Session.
2. That the committee be discharged.

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce R. Backensto
Robert Catloth
Robert M. Copeland
Raymond Joseph,
Chairman
Jerrold S. Milroy

The Court was recessed in prayer by Waldo Mitchell.

FRIDAY, JUNE 22, 1978, 1:30 P.M.

The Court was reconvened in prayer by Paul Martin.

The taking of the Roll was dispensed with.

The Report of the Nominating Committee was read, adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Committee on Arrangements and Devotions for the 1979 Synod: Tom Price, Chairman; James Dobbs, Paul Patterson, John Tweed, Clarence Wilson.

Committee on Time and Place, 1980 Synod: Ray Blair, Chairman; Orville Shoop.

Delegate to the NAE Convention in Orlando: James Wright; Member of Synod to serve on NAE Board of Administration: D. Howard Elliott.

Committee on Psalm Explanations: Raymond Joseph, Chairman; Bruce Backensto, Robert Catloth, Robert Copeland, Jerrold Milroy.

Additional Examiners of Iowa Presbytery Minutes: Ronald Good, Donald Reed.

Committee on the Nature of the Church as it Relates to the Sacraments: Ronald Good, Chairman; Richard Sears, Robert Tweed, Johannes G. Vos, J. Renwick Wright, Robert McConaughy.

Committee to Recommend a Minimum Salary Scale for Ministers: Wilbur McElroy, Chairman; Robert Copeland, William Edgar, Thompson Kerr, Neal Mann.

Committee on Seminary Training Requirements: Ray Blair, Chairman; Bruce Backensto, William Cornell, Fred Cretors, D. Ray McCracken.

Letters of Remembrance:

TO:	FROM:
M. Wylie Daugherty	Wylie Caskey
Carl Ted Grayson	Wilbur McElroy
Luther McFarland	G. M. Robb
J. Renwick Wright	John H. Tweed
Boyd A. White	Waldo Mitchel
Paul D. White	Paul Faris
Gene W. Spear	Kenneth G. Smith
Samuel Boyle	D. Howard Elliott
S. Bruce Willson	Lester Kilpatrick
D. Ray Wilcox	John O. Edgar
Charles Chao	Ray Joseph
Alvin W. Smith	T. M. Hutcheson
Paul D. McCracken	R. Paul Wright
William Sterrett	Donald Piper
Johannes G. Vos	Philip Martin
Shigeru Takiura	Bruce Stewart
Toshio Masunaga	Edward Robson
Godfrey Franklin	S. Ray Blair

Presbyteries are reminded of their responsibility to contact those not present at Synod who are not listed above. (See 1974 Minutes of Synod, page 60).

Committee on Theological and Practical Steps toward Church Union: Robert McMillan, Chairman; John Bailey, Richard Weir, John Tweed, S. Bruce Willson, Kenneth McBurney.

Those elected to fill vacancies on the Boards and permanent Committees of Synod:

Pension Trustees of the Synod: Class of 1980, Donald Weilersbacher; Class of 1981 R. E. Dill, Robert Morrow.

Board of Trustees of Synod: Class of 1981, John P. Edgar, Joseph Lamont, Jr., Donald Mullinnix.

Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary: Class of 1982, Edward Robson; Class of 1984, Lester Kilpatrick, William H. Russell.

Temperence Committee: Class of 1981, Darrell Parnell, R. Paul Wright.

Travel Fund and Absences Committee: Stan Copeland.

Board of Corporators of Geneva College: Class of 1981, Dean R. Smith.

Board of Education and Publication: Class of 1981, Donald Birdsall, Karl Cunningham, Charles McBurney.
Committee on Interchurch Correspondence and Study: Class of 1981, Lester Kilpatrick, John McMillan, Paul Martin.
Board of Foreign Missions: Class of 1981: E. R. Hemphill, Robert Henning, Mrs. Renwick Wright, Louis D. Hutmire.
Committee on Finance: Class of 1981, William Long, W. K. Metcalf.
Denominational Treasurer: Louis D. Hutmire.
Stated Clerk: Louis D. Hutmire.
Board of Home Missions: Class of 1979, Max Mann; Class of 1981, Mrs. Roy Adams, Robert Rice, Bruce Hemphill, Donald Piper, Donald Willson, William Finley.
Committee on Denominational Program Priorities and Financial Policies: Robert Copeland, Chairman; Donald Birdsall, Roy Blackwood, Robert Catloth, John O. Edgar, Gordon Keddie, Robert McFarland, Wayne Spear.

The following resolution was adopted: That the Nominating Committee for the 1979 Synod study the following proposal and bring in a recommendation to Synod . . . That Synod direct all Boards and study committees to allow terms of members to run only twice in succession unless the board or committee certifies to the Nominating Committee that the duties assigned to the incumbent cannot be assumed by another appointee because of the particular character of the work involved.

The following resolution was adopted: That presbyteries be authorized to include in the rosters they submit to the Clerk of Synod a listing of all the elders of their congregations.

The Report of the Committee on Finance was taken up. Items 9 and 10 were adopted. Item 1 was adopted. Item 7 was stricken. The Report was adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

"God is able to provide you every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work.

"As it is written, 'He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever. He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness.'

"You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God; for the rendering of this service not only supplies the wants of the saints but also overflows in many thanksgivings to God.

"Under the test of this service, you will glorify God by your obedience in acknowledging the gospel of Christ, and by the generosity of your contribution for them and for all others; while they long for you, because of the surpassing grace of God in you. Thanks be to God for His inexpressible gift."

2 Corinthians 9:8-15

The Committee on Finance recommends that:

1. The Travel Fund Assessment remain at $4.50 per communicant member, based on the communicant membership of December 31, 1978.
2. The Audit Report of Synod's Board of Trustees be accepted.
3. The financial statements of Synod's Boards and Committees be supplied to each delegate early at each Synod.
4. Undesignated Funds of Synod's Board of Trustees in the amount of $18,983.41 be applied to the 1977 budget deficit of $45,714.00.
5. The compensation of Synod's Treasurer, Director of Publications and Director of Christian Education be set as follows:

	Salary	Housing Allowance	An Increase of
Louis D. Hutmire	$17,200	None	$1,200
Ronald W. Nickerson	11,900	$4,200	1,050
Lee P. Bittner, III	11,425	4,200	1,025

6. The Denominational Office Expense Account be set at $48,395.
7. Synod's Contributed Budget for 1979 be set at $245,000. (The Committee arrived at the above figure by adopting the policy that the grants not exceed the total contributions, including those from congregations, the Women's Synodical Missionary Society, individuals and bequests in 1977. This assumes the likelihood of a balanced budget in 1979. The 1979 Budget total is the same as that of 1978. In the event that increased giving permits, the 1979 Synod can make upward allocations of funds for 1979. However, the Committee on Finance is carrying the previous deficit of $27,730.59 on its records as a priority item for funding from undesignated bequests and other sources until the deficit has been erased.)

The allocation of the $245,000 be as follows:

	Request	Grant
Education & Publications	$ 60,818	$ 43,000
Foreign Missions	68,800	45,000
Geneva College	30,000	18,000
Graduate Study	2,800	-0-
Home Missions	51,625	30,000
Miscellaneous Fund	13,260	10,000
Pensions	35,050	27,000
Seminary	69,510	59,000
Women's Association	20,000	13,000
	$351,863	**$245,000**

(If both the 1978 and 1979 budgets and the remaining budget deficit are successfully met it will require contributions of $517,-000 over the two year period.)

8. The request for $3,000 for Graduate Study Fund be denied.
9. That in the event that increased giving permits, the Committee on Finance will reconsider the request of the 1979 budget when it meets at the 1979 Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Donald Birdsall
D. Howard Elliott
Francis Buck, M.D.
Joseph Lamont
Frederick T. Cretors, Chairman

Deacon Delegates:
Robert Finley
Thompson Kerr
James McCrory
Ray Vos, Clerk

A letter from the 45th General Assembly of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church concerning a joint study committee on the question of ordaining women to the office of deacon was read and referred to the Committee on Interchurch Correspondence and Study for implementation.

Synod adopted the following resolution: That the Moderator send the greetings of the Court to the Synods of the Reformed Presbyterian Churches of Scotland, Ireland, and Australia and to the Greek Evangelical Church of Cyprus.

The Minutes were read and adopted.

The Court was adjourned in prayer by the Moderator after which the Synod joined in singing Psalm 133.

The Moderator declared the Synod stands adjourned to meet at Geneva College June 8, 1979, at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul M. Martin,
Clerk
Robert McCracken,
Assistant Clerk

Appendix

MEMORIAL—SYNOD R. P. C. N. A. —1978

ROY CATHCART FULLERTON

1898—1978

Roy Cathcart Fullerton, son of the farm in Kansas, was born near the close of the Nineteenth Century, to Richard Wyatt and Bessie Cathcart Fullerton as the youngest of four sons. Baptized by the Rev. D. H. Coulter the next Spring, he soon afterwards was moved to Sterling, Kansas where the family lived on a farm a few miles away. The lad was received into full communicant membership at age twelve by the Rev. J. Boggs Dodds, D.D. He walked several miles each day to Sterling for High School and College, and felt that he missed many of the activities at school through the necessity of walking home to do chores on the farm. After graduation from high school he saw his three older brothers go off to World War I and wanted to enlist, but was obedient to his father's wishes that he remain in college and help on the farm. However, in the midst of his college years, he finally got his father's consent to enlist as soon as the wheat harvest was complete. Roy enlisted the first of October 1918 and served 90 days and was honorably discharged with the ending of the war. Few people knew that he was a Veteran of World War I.

Graduating from Sterling College in 1920, Roy taught in the high school at Hoisington, Kansas until he entered the Reformed Presbyterian Theological Semjnary in the fall of 1924. He coached a winning football team and set some new records for the school.

R. C. Fullerton was graduated from the Reformed Presbyterian Seminary in Pittsburgh, Pa. in 1927. He was licensed by Pittsburgh Presbytery May 11, 1926 and ordained to the Gospel Ministry October 18, 1927 at New Alexandria, Pa. where he was installed pastor. On September 22, 1927 he was united in marriage to Mildred Patterson Henderson at Wilkinsburg, Pa. and two children were born to them, Robert Ray, presently Pastor of the Manchester Congregation, and a daughter, Mrs. Jean Forest of Orlando Florida. Six grandsons also survive within these two families. (And a great grandchild)

For several years Roy C. Fullerton made the trip into Pittsburgh to study in graduate school at Pittsburgh-Xenia Seminary, receiving the Th.M. degree in 1932. He continued toward the doctorate and had acquired thirty more credit hours.

As a pastor over a period of thirty years R. C. Fullerton related well to the people of the farming community where he served.

Though discovering that he had Diabetes rather early in life he was a vigorous man, very disciplined in his eating and exercising. Being a farmer by training he had large gardens to raise the kinds of food he needed and to provide for his family. Others came to him to discover the secrets of growing better potatoes etc. He also spent many hours helping out on the farms of the community in harvest time, and had a great influence over the farmers' sons as he worked with them in the field. Many came to testify to the influence he had upon them in this way. Being also a teacher he did some part time teaching in New Alexandria schools. One delight was coaching a girls basketball team, and several of his former teams came to express their appreciation of him at his funeral.

Being a disciplined man, and a good workman in whatever he did, he turned down some very tempting offers in business to continue preparing for the ministry. This disciplined trait also served him well when chosen as clerk, either of Presbytery, or of Synod. His fine services there were acknowledged when he was chosen to serve as Moderator the next year after completing service as Clerk of Synod.

Dr. Fullerton was a good student in graduate school, especially enjoying his studies in archeology under Drs. Kyle and Kelso. A strong friendship grew up between them. His proficiency in these fields of Theology and Archeology, was well as his forceful and practical preaching of the Gospel brought early invitations to give lectures at the R. P. Seminary, where he later served as full time professor in Theology and Homiletics. Rev. James M. Wright expressed his feelings when preaching a funeral sermon in Orlando for the man who had taught him how to preach.

Dr. Fullerton was a loyal Covenanter minister throughout the years.

He strongly emphasized the Kingship of the Lord Jesus Christ over both the Church and the Nations of the world. Not only did he serve well on boards, such as the Seminary and Home Missions Boards, but he believed in the work of the Witness Committee and helped organize the Christian Amendment Movement. He was also a strong advocate of the clean, separated life style for the Christian, and believed God's Word should set the standard in such things for the whole nation, under the Lord's Anointed and Messianic Son, now upon His throne in the Heavenly Places, at the Right Hand of God the Father. His funeral sermon in New Alexandria was preached by the President of the Seminary, Dr. Bruce Stewart.

Upon retirement in 1970, two years after the death of his beloved wife, Mildred, he moved to Orlando, Florida to be near his daughter—the Edward Forest family—and to be of assistance in the work of the congregation there, teaching, lecturing, visiting homes, and preaching as occasion arose. In 1973 he suffered a severe stroke, but rapidly recovered, but his eyesight was failing, and his diabetes was becoming more brittle. Nevertheless, he was always in his place in the front of the sanctuary for worship on the Lord's Day. The writer had many a pleasant hour talking with him during the past four or five years, and will declare that he was a very humble man with a fine mind and great heart, both through self-discipline and by the grace of God. "Goodness and Mercy" do follow him even yet and for years to come, as he now enjoys living in his "Father's House" with his Elder Brother, Savior and Lord. May our final hours be like his. Even in a semi-comitose state on his last day on earth he was overheard preaching God's Word! "Blessed in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints."

Signed,
D. Ray Wilcox

Rev. Frank E. Allen

It is with a sincere sense of sorrow and inadequacy that I write these few words in remembrance of my dear friend. Rev. Allen came to Hopkinton, Iowa in early January, 1927 to be pastor of the Hopkinton Congregation and remained our pastor for about thirty years. During these years we grew to become close personal friends and it was during these years that our two families became very close friends. These were the years when his and Mrs. Allen's two daughters, Grace and Marjorie, grew to maturity and many are the memories we two families have of our fellowship together. It was an accepted tridition that we have our Christmas dinner together.

His was a busy life. Previous to his coming to Hopkinton, he had held several pastorates and during this time had found time to write three books, **Practical Lectures on the Book of Job**, **Evolution in the Balances**, and **The Acts of the Apostles**. While in Hopkinton he was not only pastor to our congregation but also pastor to the whole community. Wherever there was sickness or need Mr. Allen was there ministering to their needs. If there is one thing more than any other that would characterize him it would be "faithful". He was a faithful steward of the mysteries of God for Paul said "it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful". He was that faithful steward.

Mr. Allen served as pastor of the Hopkinton Congregation till failing eyesight forced him to discontinue his regular pastorate, but even then he continued his ministry in any way available to him. He continued his ministry until one day he received the invitation from the Head Ruler at the wedding feast saying to him, "Friend, go up higher". We feel sure the Lord said unto him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord".

R. P. Joseph

REPORT OF FRATERNAL DELEGATE ATTENDING THE ANNUAL MEETING OF EUREKA CLASSIS

Dear Fathers and Brethren:

On April 4-6, 1978, I attended the Annual Session of the Eureka Classis, which met at Napoleon, Ohio. There are 26 congregations in this group, which for the most part are located in the Dakotas. The Classis had its origin in 1911 when nine congregations refused to go into the union of the Reformed Church of The United States with the Evangelical Synod of North America.

I was most graciously received and was promptly made a consultative member with privileges of the floor. I was impressed by the earnestness of the men and of their committment to the authority of Scripture.

One afternoon was devoted to the licensing of a student of theology who was soon to graduate from Westminster Seminary. The process of licensure was not unlike that which is followed in our church at the time of ordination. I was particularly impressed with the thorough examination in theology.

The group blessed with a fine group of able, young ministers, most of whom have received training at Westminster. It was pointed out

that the majority of these men did not have a Eureka Classis background. Some had come out of liberal churches, and others from Arminian backgrounds, but had chosen to unite with Eureka Classis because of its committment to the Reformed Faith. The evening sessions of the assembly were devoted to worship services. The men who preached, spoke with conviction and power.

One of the most important items of business was the report of a committee which had been appointed to revise the Heidelberg Catechism, substituting archaic expressions with modern English. Because their current edition of the Catechism was almost exhausted, some felt that it was urgent that the revision be completed before another edition was printed. The committee set forth its mandate as: (1) To correct printing errors; (2) to preserve the historic Reformed Theological Terminology; (3) To avoid any change in doctrine; (4) To change wording that is obscure to the present day person; (5) To preserve words and wording that are plain to present day hearers.

It was obvious, that although much of the language was archaic, not all were in agreement with the proposed changes, that the language was understandable and that it possessed a beauty which was lost in revision. For example, in question 3, which deals with sin, the old version reads, "whence knoweth thou thy misery?" It had been changed to read, "From where do you know your misery?" By a margin of one vote the proposed revision was rejected and it was agreed that other editions of the Catechism, which are currently in use, would be used.

Another subject for debate concerned the matter of women voting in congregational meetings. This had been an issue for some time, for committees had reported on the subject in 1964, 1965, and 1968. When the issue was raised again in 1976 it was decided that the three previous reports should be duplicated and sent to the Consistories for study. After some deliberation the church's stand was reaffirmed.

I am happy to have had the privilege of being the fraternal delegate from our church. Perhaps one of the greatest advantages in having an exchange of delegates is that we become personally acquainted with brethren of like faith.

The sessions were held at Peace Reformed Church, which worships in a beautiful new building. Meals were served at the church, by members of the congregation, and delegates were entertained in the homes of the members.

Respectfully submitted,
John O. Edgar

REPORT OF THE DELEGATE TO THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF EVANGELICALS

The Reformed Presbyterian churchman faces an age old dilemma with regard to participation in the National Association of Evangelicals' Convention: on the one hand to rejoice because a small denomination has so much greater influence than its size would merit, or on the other hand to lament the abuse of doctrinal purity by the larger part of this association. My own view is that we should continue to participate in an aggressive manner contending for that expression of faith which we believe to be Biblical and authoritative. Let me, however, urge caution that such fellowship as we enjoy in this association in our united profession with it of the inerrant Word, the God provided, God accomplished atonement in the person of our Lord Jesus Christ, the reality of a final judgment with a real heaven and a real hell, and others, not eclipse our belief in presbyterianism, reformed doctrine, biblical worship and other distinctive teachings of Scripture.

An equally threatening posture we must not allow is the trend to withdraw from all interaction with the world and with other branches of the church. The true test of our commitment to the Word of Jesus is our communication of it to others both in the world or in imperfect sanctification in more or less pure churches.

Men of our denomination are in opportune positions in the N. A. E. to effectively witness to truth and influence the direction of this association. Howard Elliott is secretary of the organization. Members of the Board of Administration include: Robert Henning and John White. Bruce Stewart is treasurer of the Commission of Higher Education. Other men serve as board members on affiliate organizations.

I suggest that our Board of Education and Publication consider a booth at the convention to display our Psalter and books by reformed scholars. At this last convention there was a noticeable void in this area.

Respectfully submitted,
S. Ray Blair

REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE SEMINARY

In reporting to the Synod of 1978 I want to acknowledge my gratitude to our Sovereign God for His sustaining grace and for the work which He is doing in our Seminary. As students come to the Seminary we see His hand in leading them to come, and we see the work of His Spirit in the development of the gifts which He has given to them.

I want to express also my deep appreciation for the prayers and support of the church. As we indicate in our new catalog, "The Synod has wholeheartedly and generously supported the Seminary throughout its history". This current year 28.5% of Synod's Budget is going to the Seminary. In addition many of you have contributed to the Bruce Willson Recognition Fund; we thank you for your part in it.

As you know, Dr. Willson on May 31 completed 25 years of service to the church in the Seminary; for 23 of those years he served as President. In God's grace he was instrumental in bringing many constructive changes in the curriculum and facilities. We praise God for his faithful ministry.

Dr. J. Renwick Wright will begin his teaching responsibilities this Fall in the Department of New Testament Studies. In preparation for this he is taking work at Concordia Theological Seminary this summer.

You will be interested to know that we have added several courses to the Seminary curriculum: Apologetics, The Bible and Science, The Westminster Assembly and some additional reading courses in Greek and Hebrew. We have also added to the requirements for graduation the preparation of a major research paper. This Fall Quarter we will offer two evening classes: one regular credit course and one non-credit course for students' wives and others in the community.

During the last few years our enrollment has shown a healthy increase. We are happy for students from other denominations who come to our Seminary (for instance, the number of PCA students in particular is increasing—possibly 10 this Fall); but we are also very thankful for the increasing numbers of RP students who are coming (15 this Fall, possibly several others). We recognize that our primary responsibility is in the training of men for our own denomination. In our admissions contacts, in our teaching, in our discussion, and in our worship we make it clear to all of our students that we are committed to the position of the RPCNA.

In several reports to Synod this year there are recommendations regarding our setting of priorities in determining the distribution of the church's money. Since we are a denominational Seminary we want to be sensitive to the thinking of the church and responsive to the actions of Synod.

We believe that the Seminary continues to be a vital factor in the life and mission of our denomination. When the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America organized in 1809, plans were already under way for the establishment of a theological seminary, and it was officially opened in 1810. The church beleived that an educated ministry was absolutely necessary for the health of the church. That conviction has continued through the years, and our Seminary has been

faithful to God and His Word in teaching and training men for the Gospel ministry.

As a denomination over the years we have maintained certain Biblical distinctives. As long as we remain a denomination we have a responsibility to train our people and particularly our ministers in the whole counsel of God including our Biblical distinctives. In God's grace the Seminary has had a significant place in training succeeding generations of ministers in these truths. Other seminaries today are not teaching our historical roots, nor our emphasis upon the regulative principle of worship, the mediatorial kingship of Christ or the covenantal nature of the church. Not only in specific courses, but within the context of other courses, in the informal discussions between faculty and students, in the chapel services and in the field work in RP congregations students in our Seminary receive unique preparation to serve in RP congregations. Even apart from academic considerations there is an atmosphere, missing in other seminaries, in which there is positive encouragement and loyalty shown and expressed for the RPCNA.

There is also a certain commitment which we have to that which God has provided. Many of God's people have given sacrificially and generously to provide the present facilities which are well furnished and equipped to serve the church as a Seminary building. Replacement value of these facilities which are free of debt is $850,000. We are called to be faithful stewards of that which God gives to us.

This stewardship involves our use of the Lord's money as well. Some statistics may be helpful:

In the last 10 years: The Seminary has had 43 graduates, 34 graduates who are RP and 3 RP who took a final year to complete work at our Seminary. Of these 37 RP's: 28 went into the pastorate and 5 are still preparing for the pastorate. This means that 33 men who completed their seminary work at our Seminary either went into the pastorate or are still preparing.

Cost to Synod's Budget per RP graduate ..... $12,303.
Cost to Synod's Budget per RP graduate per year ..... 5,639.

This does not include other RP students who attended Seminary but did not graduate, nor does it include those who completed the missionary candidate course and went to serve on our mission fields.

18.8% of Synod's Budget has gone to the Seminary (1969—1978—$456,000 out of $2,392,000). On a yearly basis the percentage has been: 1978—28.5%; 1977—26.1%; 1976—24.6%; 1975—19.7%; 1974—20.3%; 1973—16.9%; 1972—11.6%; 1971—12.5%; 1970—10.8%; 1969—12.1%.

In the last 30 years: The Seminary has had 108 graduates, 91 graduates who are RP and 4 RP postgraduates. Of these 95 RP's: 81 went into the pastorate and 5 are still preparing for the pastorate.

In 1977: The Seminary received 26.1% of Synod's Budget ($68,000 out of $260,000). The Seminary used 20.8% of the money available to the denomination through Synod's treasurer ($127,000 out of $608,-000). The Seminary received $39,500 in tuition, fees and gifts. The Seminary gave $11,200 in Student Aid to RP students.

The Board of Trustees of the Seminary shares with the church her concern for the increasing costs of the Seminary, and are concerned also to do what will help to reduce the amount requested for the Seminary from Synod's Budget. The amount requested from Synod this year is about $8,000 less than what was requested last year, and is less than the amount Synod granted last year. Two factors are basically involved in this:

Tuition Income has increased:	1976	$11,400
	1977	19,300
(projected)	1978	23,500
(projected)	1979	26,000
Gifts have increased:	1976	8,000
	1977	18,200
(projected)	1978	20,000

The Board has requested that I devote part of my time to publicity and fund-raising. To this end I have prepared Quarterly Newsletters which have helped to stimulate both interest in the Seminary and gifts to the Seminary. We seek your help in adding the names of those who would be interested in receiving the newsletter.

We have not written to anyone in the church asking for gifts to the Seminary. Some people, however, have begun to give on a regular basis. Notices were placed in the Seminary Newsletter, The Covenanter Witness and the NPRF Bulletin Insert regarding the Bruce Willson Recognition Fund. In each case we have been careful to maintain our integrity with Synod's Budget by requesting that gifts to the Seminary should be over and above commitments to congregational and synodical budgets. Over 30% of contributions to the Bruce Willson Fund have come from non-RP's.

Most colleges and seminaries today depend upon alumni gifts for a significant part of their income. In light of the minimal cost of our Seminary education it seems that those of us who are alumni might make annual gifts to the Seminary. We might also encourage our people to remember the Seminary in their wills, or to give memorial gifts to the Seminary in lieu of flowers or to double the value of their gifts if they work for a company which gives matching gifts.

The Seminary highly values its part in Synod's budget. We are not seeking to be independent. We look to the church for authority and guidance. We believe that the church should support the Seminary, but we also want to do what we can to lighten the load, and broaden the base of support. To this end we are going to ask other individuals and other Reformed and Presbyterian congregations to support us as well.

Please continue to uphold us before the throne of grace that we may faithfully serve Christ and His church.

Bruce C. Stewart
President
Reformed Presbyterian
Theological Seminary

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL REFORM ASSOCIATION

I am glad for this opportunity to report to the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America. The Reformed Presbyterian Church has supported the National Reform Association from the time the movement started in 1863.

When we consider the great need for National Reform, we realize that our efforts have been inadequate. We printed 20,000 copies of the tract "A Call To Church Leaders To Enlist Their People In A Unified Stand For Sunday Closing". We mailed this tract to churches to distribute to their people. Other organizations through the State of Pa. copied the tract and distributed it. I think it had a significant impact on the preservation of the Pa. law against Sunday trading. It was however an exercise in futility because of a restraining order issued by a judge, stating that no one is to be prosecuted for keeping their store open, until the Supreme Court of Pa. rules on the constitutionality of the law. We have also had the tract "Escape To Nowhere: Drug Dependence" reprinted. We have another tract in the process of being printed and hope to have other tracts printed this year.

There has not been much demand for motion pictures. The last two winters have been unusually severe, this together with the need to conserve energy has caused congregations to curtail their activities. It may also be that there are more agencies which are providing films while the demand for films is decreasing.

We continue to publish the **Christian Statesman**. Our circulation is between 2200-2300, it varies from one printing to the next. We are sending sample copies to some 125 colleges in the hope to acquaint college students with our program. The **Christian Statesman** com-

pares favorably with other magazines in this field. We are glad to have the cartoons prepared by Dr. Samuel E. Boyle and the articles by Drs. Robb and Carson. These help to improve our magazine.

The income of our Association last year was a little less than $14,000.00. A little over $4,000.00 of this amount was from congregations and a little over $7,000.00 was from individuals. $3,000.00 of the amount reveived from congregations came from treasurers of congregations in the Reformed Presbyterian church and $850.00 from treasurers of congregations of other denominations.

When a congregation makes a contribution to the National Reform Association we are glad to send the **Christian Statesman** to the families of that congregation. Because of the requirements of the Post Office for a second-class non-profit mailing permit we can only do this if the congregation makes a regular contribution once every twelve months, or, makes a large enough contribution at irregular intervals, which is sufficiently large to pay $2.00 a year for each subscription. I hope the treasurers of the congregation will take notice of this requirement.

Everywhere we look we see the need for National Reform. There is an increase of crime, Sabbath desecration, a growing acceptance of alcohol as a part of society, a drive to legalize other drugs, a callous disregard for the sacredness of life, the growth of permissiveness which undermines our homes and other institutions, the prostitution of government for private gain and other acts which threaten the welfare of our Nation. We know that most of these acts are caused by people rejecting God and Jesus Christ. When the Jews rejected Jesus Christ their Nation was left desolate (Matt. 23:37,38). Our continued rejection of Jesus Christ will bring the judgements of God upon our Nation.

When the early settlers came to this country and laid the foundation for their governments, they sought to have governments which were dedicated to the glory of God and in submission to Jesus Christ. The need for movements for National Reform are increased because the Protestant Church which at one time took a strong stand for righteousness has compromised their position. It is also plagued by modernism and even those who profess faith in the rights of Jesus Christ do little, if anything, about it.

We need the prayers of Christian people. We need help to make the truth known. Many do not seek the truth. We must sow the seed whether men will hear or whether they will forbear; in the providence of God in due time it will bear fruit. We must call our Nation and its people to repentance. We must seek God's blessing through Jesus

Christ, through Him we can do all things without Him we can do nothing.

Respectfully submitted,
R. W. Caskey,
Adminst. Sec'y.

REPORT OF THE REFORMATION TRANSLATION FELLOWSHIP

As we approach the 10th anniversary of the work of the Reformation Translation Fellowship (RTF) in Taiwan, we thank our heavenly Father for providing all our needs, we thank God for your concern and help demonstrated by the church as a whole as well as individuals. It is both challenging and rewarding in having barely laid a Reformed foundation in literature work here in the past ten (10) years. We have sowed the seeds and the Spirit of God has watered and our God will see it grow. By publishing sound Reformed biblical-theological works that have been delivered to the saints we can both attack Arminianism and/or other false views, as well as promoting true biblical Christianity, which is best expressed through the Westminster Confession, and the theology commonly known as Calvinism or Reformed theology. What follows is a digest report of our work for the fiscal year 1978 and the early part of 1979. We are happy that brothers and sisters in the R. P. C. N. A. have a part in our endeavor to share Christian literature in Christ's Kingdom.

We are happy to report that New Zealand Christians have organized a RTF Board to promote the work in that part of the world. The Rev. George Mackenzie was elected chairman, and the Rev. K. J. Campbell as its secretary. At present they are working on a project to raise $800.00 for the printing of the Chinese translation of Loraine Boettner's **The Person of Christ**. They have also forwarded a check for $290.00 from an Orthodox Presbyterian Church in Christchurch towards the publication of John Calvin's **Commentary on Romans** which has been out of print.

It is gratifying to see God bring a desire in His people to form a RTF Board in Japan. The Rev. Shigeru Takiura, Pastor of the Keiyuku Reformed Presbyterian Church, wrote to us that the Japan Commission of the R. P. C. N. A. has approved the forming of a Japan Board on a voluntary basis for the purpose of aiding the RTF and its works. We are thankful that our Christian friends in Japan are taking the initiative to help. They seek to promote evangelization of Asian people, to maintain warm relationship with the Chinese Reformed Presbyterian churches, and living witness among the Chinese people who live in Japan.

The RTF plans to publish Dr. Boettner's work on **Studies in Theology** in the near future. Most of the materials in this volume has been translated by Dr. C. H. Chao and has appeared in recent years either in booklet or in our quarterly journal **Faith and Life**. We are waiting to see this important book in its final completed form with the help of the people of God. This book will be a great asset to the Chinese church, seminaries and the Bible colleges in South East Asia.

The following is a projected publication list for 1978:

J. G. Vos, **Studies in the Book of Revelation**, 560 pages.
John Calvin's **Commentary on the Book of Romans**, reprint.
Loraine Boettner's, **The Person of Christ**.
Loraine Boettner's, **The Inspiration of Scriptures**, reprint.

For the year 1979, we planned to publish the following:

G. I. Williamson's, **Shorter Catechism and Commentary**.
John Murray's Works Vol. II.
John Calvin's, **The Golden Booklet of Christian Life**.
John Calvin's, **Devotions and Prayers of Calvin**.
Edward Joseph Young's, **Thy Word is Truth**.

Our literatures are found in many Christian bookstores in Taipei, Hongkong, Japan, U. S. A., Europe cities, many different libraries, pastor's studies and student's bookshelves. In each contact we make there is always room for distribution of our publications, and the number grows daily.

We again express our deep gratitude to the Foreign Mission Board for our annual grant to the RTF, and for Synod's commending our work to the generous support of the Covenanter Church.

We again ask the R. P. C. N. A. through its Foreign Mission Board to resume work among the Chinese people of Taiwan.

Charles H. Chao, D.D.
Chinese Executive Secretary

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON QUESTIONS ON COVENANTING

Introduction

The body of the following report consists of three sections. The first two sections consist of studies whose general scope and conclusions were first discussed and agreed upon by the Committee, and then assigned to interested individual committee members. Although there may not be total committee consensus at every point in these studies, there is, however, complete unanimity as to the conclusion to which

they both point: the deletion of Ordination Query number five. This conclusion constitutes recommendation number one which the Committee respectfully and prayfully places before the Synod.

Section three consists of a partial summary of the Committee's thinking thus far on the matters assigned to it. The points of agreement are proposed to Synod for its approval and for the guidance of the Testimony Revision Committee. This constitutes recommendation number two.

Section One: an examination of the Scriptural citations given in support of "Public Covenanting" as found in the present (pre-revision) **Testimony**.

The passages offered in support of "Public Covenanting" in the **Testimony** can be classified in the following way:

I. Passages such as Numbers 30:2 and Deuteronomy 23:23 which actually pertain to vows and not to covenants at all; or passages which are wrongly used in support of vows, such as Psalm 76:11.
II. Passages which pertain to the Covenant of Grace and are not really applicable to "Public Covenanting". Exodus 19:5,8 and Heb. 8:7,8,10.
III. Passages which pertain to "that Day"—Isaiah 19:21;44:5;62:4; Rev. 11:15.
IV. Passages which pertain to the Remnant theme:Zechariah 13:9.
V. Passages which purport to be a prediction of the practice of public covenanting under the New Covenant—Jeremiah 50:5. This was the only passage of Scripture offered which might actually be relevant to the issue at hand.

Before giving an examination of Jeremiah 50:5, two specific areas where the committee on "Public Covenanting" is agreed should be noted:

(1)No one on the Covenanting Committee can support "Public Covenanting" on the verses mentioned above with the lone exception of Jeremiah 50:5. Why then were the verses noted above used at all, and if they do not support "Public Covenanting", what do they support?

After a careful examination of all the passages in the **Testimony**, chapter 27, paragraph 4, it is my conclusion that the "Public Covenanting" set forth there is derived from a particular kind of Post-Millenial eschatology, and furthermore that it is this kind of eschatological view-point which is supposedly established by the verses cited in the **Testimony**. The basic idea of this view seems to be the belief that during the Millenium all the nations of the world will be related to God in a similar way to that the nation of Israel had been related to God under the O. T. Theocracy. Only when such a Theocratic

relationship has been accomplished will Christ (according to this view) return. No one on the Covenanting Committee, however, is willing to support this idea.

(2) The following summary is from a paper presented to the Covenanting Committee entitled, "The Biblical and Historical Development of the Concept of Covenant," p. 6:

"The Covenant of Grace is in view from Genesis 3:15 to the end of Revelation.

All of the time from Genesis 3:15 until the coming of Jesus, the Messiah, is referred to in the Scriptures as the Former Days. The Former Days ended with the preaching of John the Baptist.

All of the time from the Ascension of Christ to the Right Hand until His Second Coming is the Present Days or the Present Age.

The Age to Come is the Eternal Age, and begins with Christ's Second Coming.

There are several covenants in the Former Days. Of these the Abrahamic, the Sinaitic, and the Davidic are most important. Each covenant of the Old Testament presupposed a knowledge of the former Covenants. Each successive Covenant builds upon the one proceeding it. The Old Testament preaches Christ under the shadow of His coming.

The New Testament is the Fulfillment of the promises made to Abraham in Christ.

The New Testament is the climax of revealed religion.

The two administrations of the **Covenant of Grace**, the Old and the New, are in essential agreement in proclaiming Christ. The sacraments, sabbaths, and structure of the Covenant people in the Old and New Covenants are essentially the same."

The Committee on Covenanting is in basic agreement concerning the above summary of the Covenant of Grace.

The remainder of this presentation deals with the question of whether or not Jeremiah 50:5 supports Public Covenanting as a New Testament ordinance.

I. A STUDY OF JEREMIAH 50:4,5 WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF JEREMIAH'S PROPHECY

A. References to Covenant in Jeremiah:

1. Jeremiah 11:2,3,6,10
2. Jeremiah 14:21
3. Jeremiah 22:9
4. Jeremiah 31:31-4

5. Jeremiah 32:40
6. Jeremiah 33:20-6
7. Jeremiah 34:8,13,15,18
8. Jeremiah 50:4,5

B. An explanation of the Covenant references in Jeremiah.

1. **Jeremiah 11:2,3,6,10**—Jeremiah 11 points to the Mosaic Covenant. The people of Jeremiah's day profaned God's Covenant by idolatry and wickedness.
2. **Jeremiah 14:21**—Jeremiah 14 sees the sins of the Covenant people as breaking the Covenant of Abraham and Moses.
3. **Jeremiah 22:9**—The peoples' wickedness is contrasted in Jeremiah 22 with the requirements of Covenant righteousness. The Davidic Covenant is also now in view.
4. **Jeremiah 31:31-4**—There is a contrast between the Covenant with the Fathers and the New Covenant in this passage. The New Covenant takes effect in the "Coming Days" or the days of the Messiah. Jeremiah 31:32 is a prophecy of the New Covenant in Jesus Christ, and completely fulfilled in Him. (Hebrews 8:10;10:16) There are New Covenant concepts earlier in Jeremiah's prophecy. In Jeremiah 3:16,17 the Ark of the Covenant will not be missed; circumcision will be of the heart, Jer. 4:4 (Rom. 2:28,29); the boast of all nations under the New Covenant will be that they know God, Jer. 4:2.
5. **Jeremiah 32:40**—Jeremiah 32:40 is building upon the New Covenant concept of Jeremiah 31:33. It is an Everlasting Covenant because it cannot be broken.
6. **Jeremiah 33:20-6**—The Lord speaks in this passage concerning His Covenant with Noah, His Covenant with David, and the fulfillment of the Covenant with David in the New Covenant of Jesus Christ. As certainly as the heavens are fixed by God's decrees, so certainly is His promise to David. Matthew 1:1 announces God's fulfillment of His promises to Abraham and David.
7. **Jeremiah 34:8,13,15,18**—Jeremiah 34:8,15 calls the enforcement of the Covenant with the Fathers by King Zedekiah as making a Covenant. It is too late for repentance in the case of Zedekiah.
8. **Jeremiah 50:4,5**—Within the context of the oracle against Babylon, in the days of the Messiah, the people of God will be joined to God in an Everlasting Covenant.

In light of all of the references to Covenant in Jeremiah's prophecy we conclude that the Everlasting Covenant of Jeremiah 50:5 must be

the same as the Covenant of Jeremiah 31:31-4. On the basis of Hebrews 8:6-10, and Hebrews 13:20 the prophecy of Jeremiah 50:5 can only refer to the New Covenant in Jesus Christ.

II. JEREMIAH 50:4,5 WITHIN THE PATTERN OF PROPHETIC FULFILLMENT

It is a standard practice in Biblical prophecy for the Word of the Lord prophesying coming events to be written and remembered. It is likewise a standard practice in Biblical prophecy for the fulfillment of a prophecy to be written and remembered (it is especially so in regard to the prophesied events having to do with Christ and the New Covenant). The following few instances will confirm these two observations on prophecy:

I Kings 13:2 (Jeroboam, 930 B. C.) - Prophecy
II Kings 23:15,16 (Josiah, 640 B. C.) - Fulfillment
Isaiah 7:14 (Isaiah, 800 B. C.) - Prophecy
Matthew 1:18-25 (Christ, 4 B. C.) - Fulfillment

From the prophetic pattern, established by numerous examples similar to the two given above, we may conclude either that the response spoken of in Jer. 50:4,5 (a text which clearly has reference to the New Covenant) is a prophecy whose fulfillment in some specific incident in the days of Christ was not recorded in the NT (an occurrence which would be surprising enough, given the NT's predilection in such matters) or else that this prophecy is fulfilled in terms of the whole impact of Christ's coming (including perhaps the preparatory work of John the Baptist) to call the nation of Israel to a decisive time of repentance and grace. To argue that Jer. 50:4,5 is meant to be fulfilled in latter ages in specific man-initiated acts of what will be called "public covenanting" so violates the pattern of prophecy-and-fulfilment exhibited throughout the Bible as to make such an interpretation totally impossible. And, since it is easily demonstrated that the requirements of Jer. 50:4,5 are actually fulfilled completely in the New Covenant itself, it is totally unnecessary to interpret Jer. 50:4,5 any differently from Jer. 31:31.

Thus, while there is indeed a response by Israel and Judah spoken of in Jer. 50:4,5, this response of penitent sorrow and rededication is not some independent detail requiring its own special fulfilment (in this case by the supposed means of repeated acts of "public covenanting" carried out in later ages of the Christian era). Rather such a description is a prophetic way of pointing to an essential aspect of the New Covenant itself: the presence of a heartfelt sorrow for sin. It is for much the same reason, for instance, that Jer. 31:34 is properly taken to be a way of indicating the greater degree of knowledge characteristic under the New

Covenant rather than as a prediction of (and warrant for) the cessation of spiritual teaching and exhortation within the Christian church. The incidental details of prophecy, and particularly prophecy concerning the New Covenant, are not to be understood except as closely linked with and subordinated to the central message.

III. THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE STUDY OF THE SCRIPTURAL SUPPORT FOR THE **TESTIMONY**, CHAPTER 27, PARAGRAPH 4, AND "PUBLIC COVENANTING"

The Scriptural supports for the position on "Public Covenanting" as given in the **Testimony** are totally defective. However, even allowing Jeremiah 50:5 to support what in reality it does not, (for the sake of argument allowing Jeremiah 50:5 to support "Public Covenanting") where does that lead us?

It seems to be conceded by those who establish "Public Covenanting upon Jeremiah 50:5 that the type of Covenanting in view is within an already established Covenant Community. In other words, "Public Covenanting" is a form of response by those already in Covenant. If this were true, how do we then extend this idea of "Public Covenanting" to include all men and nations? How do we establish the perpetuity of such covenants?

The **Testimony**, therefore, has not established "Public Covenanting" is an ordinance of God; it has not established that churches and nations are required to practice "Public Covenanting"; and it has not demonstrated from the Scriptures that such "Public Covenants" are in fact perpetual and binding. In conclusion this means that Query number 5 for ordinations has been imposed without proper Scriptural authority.

Edward A. Robson

(**Note**: The preceding study has already been submitted to the Testimony Revision Committee, and the criticisms embodied in this study have been taken into account in the reworking of chapter 22 of the Revised Testimony into the form in which it is being presented to the 1978 Synod. It is hoped that the Synod as a whole may also come to understand and appreciate some of the reasons for the dissatisfaction which many have felt with the present standards of the church on this subject. It is hoped too that this kind of study may in part satisfy the request of the 1977 Synod for further exegetical proofs.)

Section Two: an examination of the degree of Scriptural support for Ordination Query number five with a view towards a possible alteration of this query.

Query 5: "Do you believe that public covenanting is an ordinance of God to be observed by churches and nations; that the obligations of such covenants are perpetual; and that the Covenant of 1871 is binding upon the Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America?"

Proposal: That this query be removed from the queries for ordination, installation and licensure.

Argument:

1. Covenanting as a corporate act by churches and nations is properly a matter of the **Confession of Faith** and the **Testimony**.
2. It was dropped as a separate item to which members should subscribe in the adoption of the Covenant of Church Membership in 1977.
3. By promising to submit in the Lord to the teaching and government of this church as based upon the Scriptures and described in substance in the **Constitution** of the RPCNA, the members promise to receive instruction in the matter of public covenanting as it is set forth in the **Testimony**.
4. By assenting to Query 3 ordained officers profess to believe in and accept the doctrine set forth in the **WCF** and **Testimony**. They thus subscribe to the doctrine of public covenanting in proper perspective with other doctrines of Scripture. Placing this doctrine in the Queries puts disproportionate importance on an aspect of covenant theology and life (action) that is only of occasional practice. (There are but five recorded instances of corporate covenanting initiated by the congregation of Israel from Joshua to Ezra-Nehemiah.)

Exegetical considerations:

A covenant is an instrument for uniting two parties for specified objectives. The obligations of each party are stated, as well as the penalties to be inflicted for failure. It is usually confirmed by oath or, in modern times, court registry. In Biblical times one form of confirmation was a sacrificial rite that signified the death penalty for breaking the covenant (Gen. 15; Jer. 34:18,19). The element of primary concern in Biblical covenants is the nature of the union in which the goals are to be achieved.

Scripture records covenants God has made with men, covenants men have made with God in response to His covenant, and covenants between men. Our special concern is with the covenants men initiate with God.

In the covenants between God and man God approached man and offered to bring man into union with Himself. God's action was wholly sovereign and unilateral, i.e., wholly initiated by Himself. Thus man received God as the source of his life and the power by which he

would serve Him as Lord and obey His commandments.

There are three types of covenant responses described in Scripture. The first is the verbal promise made when God proposed the Covenant, such as Israel at Sinai, "All that the Lord has said we will do and be obedient" (Ex. 19:8; 24:7). Or David, "Now therefore, O Lord God, the word that Thou hast spoken concerning Thy servant and his house, confirm it forever, and do as Thou hast spoken . . . " (II Sam. 7:25). And he charged Solomon, "know the God of your father, and serve Him with a whole heart and a willing mind; . . . If you seek Him He will let you find Him; but if you forsake Him, He will reject you forever" (I Chron. 28:9). A verbal response is not always recorded. Gen. 12:4 says simply, "So Abraham went forth as the Lord had spoken to him." Entrance into covenant was sealed by circumcision (Gen. 17:10), symbolic of the work of God in the heart of the one in covenant with Him (Deut. 30:6). It is replaced by baptism under the New Covenant (Col. 2:11,12).

The second type of covenant response is regular covenant renewal in the annual festivals of Israel (Lev. 23) and in the Lord's Supper in the New Testament (Matt. 26: expec. 2,17,28; I Cor. 5:7,8). In these festivals Israel appeared before the Lord God enthroned above the ark of the covenant to pay tribute and pledge allegiance to Him. So the church renews her union with Christ in the blood of the New Covenant in the Lord's Supper.

The third type of covenant response is the corporate act of swearing loyalty to God and obedience to His commandments. Such covenants were confessional in character, repenting of disobedience to specific commandments or general apostasy from God; binding themselves to seek the Lord with all their heart and soul and to keep His covenant (Neh. 9; II Chron. 15:12-15; 34:30-33). They were not in any sense mutual agreements with God, but declarations of dependence upon His grace in order to keep His commandments. They were followed by reformation (II Chron. 15:16; 34: Heb.-33; II Kings 23:4-25). In some cases the covenant was put into writing (Joshua 24:26; Neh. 9:38). The authority for these covenanting acts rested in the nature of covenant itself and in the authority of the one who led the act. This was the divinely appointed leader who spoke for God: Joshua, on whom God placed some of the authority of Moses (Num. 27:20); the Davidic king, as in the cases of Asa and Josiah; Jehoiada, the high priest (II Chron. 23:16); in Nehemiah's time, the Levites led in the reading of the law and the confessing of sin and worship in preparation, and the nobles and Nehemiah led in signing of the document, followed by the priests and Levites and the people.

The question arises whether there is authority for such public covenanting as an ordinance of God under the New Covenant since there

is no command for it nor clear example of it recorded in the New Testament. It is an accepted canon of interpretation that those acts and ceremonies that set forth the grace of God to sinners commanded under the Old Covenant and that have now been accomplished in Christ are no longer to be practiced. Thus sacrifice, priesthood, altar and all that took place in the tabernacle and temple, such as ceremonial cleansing, are done away in Christ. Circumcision was replaced by baptism, and the passover by the Lord's supper, etc. But such things as flow out of man's heart in response to God (either individually or corporately) as the expression of his faith, love, allegiance and service continue under the New Covenant as under the Old. So prayer, praise, Sabbath keeping, confession and public covenanting remain as the expression of man's devotion and obedience to the Lord his God. There need be no command in the New Testament to validate them.

As to the validity of public covenanting under the New Covenant, it must be noted that God's relation to man continues to be described as covenantal. The Lord's Supper is a covenant renewal sacrament, as was noted above. The church is described in the same covenantal terms as Israel (I Peter 2:9 with Ex. 19:5,6). That the New Covenant people should, on occasions, express their devotion and intention to serve the Lord in obedience to His covenant revelation is the appropriate response to salvation by His grace. And, under the dispensation of the Spirit, should we not anticipate that He would move the Lord's people to corporate declaration of loyal service? In place of the Davidic Kings and the priests, Christ appointed the shepherds of the flock to lead His people (I Peter 5:1-4 with Jer. 23:1-8 and Ezek. 34:1-30). There has been no abrogation of public covenanting as there has been of temple worship and priesthood. The prophet Jeremiah described Israel's response to Messianic salvation as seeking the Lord and entering into everlasting covenant with Him (50:4,5) in the same terms that were used to describe Israel's covenant with Gid in the days of Asa (II Chron. 15:12-15).

We therefore affirm that public covenanting is an ordinance of God to be practiced as the Spirit moves the Lord's people, both in churches and states, so to express their repentance, loyalty and responsibility in their generation in obedience to the Scriptures. Such covenants are perpetually binding only in so far as they are true to the Word of God and the circumstances under which they came into being continue. It is to be noted that none of this type of covenant in the Old Testament was ever appealed to in a later period. The appeal always was directed to God's covenant.

The presentation of this doctrine should come in the proper place in the **Testimony** under **The Confession of Faith**, ch. XXII.

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Section Three: a summary of the points of agreement achieved within the Committee discussions thus far.

1. Exegetical principles

Some questions were raised on the floor of the 1977 Synod concerning the proper approach to understanding and interpreting the Scriptures. The Committee was agreed that there is really just one sound exegetical approach to Scripture: that approach which takes account of the ordinary meaning of the words in question (as determined by the rules and history of the Greek and Hebrew languages), that which takes account of the context of the words (in which the words are part of a particular discussion), and that which takes account of the structure of Scripture itself (in which God reveals His will progressively, and explains and develops one part of his Word by means of the other parts). The Committee commends to those interested in a fuller treatment of this subject the article entitled "Understanding the Scriptures", by Dr. E. Clark Copeland (**Covenanter Witness** Nov. 30, 1977).

2. Terminology and proof-texts

The Committee is agreed that the Scriptural words "covenant", "vow" and "oath" are **not** identical nor interchangeable terms. Failure to observe such distinctions has, over the years, introduced considerable confusion into the discussions on the subject of covenanting. Such confusion, for instance, even shows itself in the Scripture citations found in the **Testimony**.

3. The ceremonial form of OT covenant-making

The Committee is agreed that there is much that we do not know about OT covenant ceremonial forms—much which was common knowledge in the ancient Near East but which is not described for us in Scripture. The Committee recognizes the fact that Scripture gives us no command to make covenants, nor does it give us any instructions how to proceed in such an undertaking, nor does it give us any example of public covenant-making under the New Covenant. If a covenant in Scripture is defined—at least in part—by the kind of ceremonial form which sets it apart from other kinds of oaths, then it follows necessarily that we cannot call our present-day pledges "covenants" **in the same sense** which this term had in the OT examples of public covenant-making.

Although the Committee is agreed on the above analysis, as far as it goes, we disagree as to the exact application of it—whether it is better to try and avoid use of the term "covenant" to designate present-day oaths and pledges, or else whether to use the term "covenant" more loosely while at the same time maintaining an awareness that it **is** a departure from the strict (and not wholly defined) Biblical usage.

4. Pledges of faith and obedience (whether called "covenants" or not) as undertaken by the church of Christ.

The Committee is agreed that it would be a difficult, if not impossible, task to supply the necessary Scriptural basis to justify the use by the Christian church of such ceremonial forms as were evidently an integral part of OT covenanting. We can, however, simply abandon the attempt to justify covenant-making today in the strict Biblical sense of the term "covenant" (a term which certainly implies some matters of which we continue to remain uncomfortably ignorant). And we can instead ask a much easier and less technical question: whether, in some general fashion, the OT examples of public covenanting have a proper application to the life and witness of the church today and especially to its formal pledges of faith and obedience to God?

The Committee is agreed that there is much in the OT examples of public covenanting which is proper for the Christian church to imitate and apply. But the basis of such a position does not lie in any supposed Scriptural command to imitate such covenants as such, but rather it is a matter of our regarding these OT public covenants simply as particular examples of a universal and necessary Christian duty. This duty is that of acknowledging the truth of God and His Word and of expressing an attitude of faith and obedience—a duty that rest both upon the individual believer and upon the corporate fellowship of the church. It should require no complicated argument to convince Christians of this.

(As a matter of fact this line of reasoning is not new, but has been put forward by a number of authors who have written on the subject of covenanting. The only limitation imposed by this kind of argument based on the general duty of expressing faith and obedience is that there is no one particular elaborated form of expression which can be said to be **the** required form. It is rather a matter in which circumstances indicate what might be the most appropriate and useful form of profession of faith and obedience, whether more or less explicit. Perhaps considerations of this sort help explain why the **Westminster Confession of Faith** is completely silent on the subject of covenanting—an omission all the more startling when it is recalled that the Confession was written in the very time when national covenanting had just been carried through as an accomplished fact. It may well have been, therefore, that they regarded the national "covenants" by which they had engaged themselves not as actual covenants in the Biblical sense, but simply historical applications, on the national level, of the general requirements of the Christian faith.)

The Committee agreed also in noting several features of OT public covenants which are really universal and foundational in nature and

therefore applicable to the Christian church in whatever pledges of obedience to God it might engage in: the fact, for instance, that such theocratic public covenants never imposed any new duty upon God's people, but always pointed them back to the duty which God's Word already demanded of them; the fact that such theocratic public covenants were themselves never emphasized as a reason for obedience (as if they had any independent authority), but that it was always the prior claim of God's Word which was made the focus of the call to renewed obedience; and the fact that such public theocratic covenants were primarily used as means of bringing about the repentance and reformation of God's people in a time of apostasy, and were never matters of merely formal piety or self-congratulation.

5. Interpretation of some troublesome statements

Following along with the preceding considerations the Committee is agreed that such a statement as "Public covenanting is an ordinance of God to be observed by churches and by nations, and that the obligations of such covenants are perpetual" (Ordination Query number five) is **not** true in any sense which implies that some particular kind of formal pledge to God is a necessary or regular Christian duty. Rather (for the reasons given above) such formal pledges are but one means of expressing faith, and are to be engaged in (or not) as Christian conscience and wisdom may determine.

Furthermore, the Committee is agreed that such pledges (whether called "covenants" or not) issued under the auspices of the church are "perpetually binding" only in so far as they point men to the pre-existing requirements of the Word of God itself. Thus these pledges (or "covenants") are always subject to correction according to the Word of God, and in this regard are no different from any other subordinate church standards.

Finally the Committee is agreed that while nations too are under obligation to acknowledge the Lordship of Christ, no amount of national pledging or "covenanting" is able to give a present-day nation a right to claim the special prerogatives of the OT theocratic kingdom.

Recommendations:

1. That the present query number five be amended in the "Queries for Ordination, Installion, and Licensure" as found in the **Constitution** of the RPCNA, to read "Do you believe that public covenanting is an ordinance of God to be observed by churches and by nations?"

2. That the summarized areas of Committee agreement be approved by Synod and forwarded to the Testimony Revision Committee for its guidance.

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APPROVED CHAPTERS OF THE TESTIMONY

Chapter 4: Of Creation
(Larger Catechism: 15-17; Shorter Catechism: 9-10)

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1. It pleased God the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, for the manifestation of the glory of His eternal power, wisdom, and goodness, in the beginning, to create, or make of nothing, the world, and all things therein whether visible or invisible, in the space of six days; and all very good.	The account of creation in Genesis 1 and 2 is history, not mythology. Hebrews 11:3 Since all things were created and exist according to the will of God they are controlled in purpose and duration by the same will. Rev. 4:11; 2 Pet. 3:3-13
2. After God had made all other creatures, He created man, male and female, with reasonable and immortal souls, endued with knowledge, righteousness, and true holiness, after His own image; having the law of God written in their hearts, and power to fulfil it: and yet under a possibility of transgressing, being left to the liberty of their own will, which was subject to change. Beside this law written in their hearts, they received a com-	The theory of evolution which assumes that chance happenings are an explanation of the origin and development of matter and living things is unscriptural. God created various kinds of living forms with tremendous potential for variation. The increase of varieties which has occurred is within genetic limitations provided at creation. Gen. 1:11,20,-27; Gen. 2:2 **We deny** that man evolved from

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mand not to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, which while they kept, they were happy in their communion with God, and had dominion over the creatures.

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any lower form of life. Gen. 2:7,-21,22

We reject all theories of continuing creation. Gen. 2-2

God created man and woman as His image bearers to complement one another. Scripture describes the responsibilities of each and their proper relationship to one another. Distinctions between the sexes do not imply superiority or inferiority of persons. Family life and social order become disrupted when these distinctions are confused or ignored. Gen. 2:20-24; Eph. 5:21-33; Rom. 1:26-27

God made man ruler over His creation in a covenant relationship with Himself in order to glorify His name. As ruler, man was not created to be his own law-maker, but is subject to the covenant. Since the fall man continues to fulfill the creation mandate. Through Christs redemptive reign over all things the gracious purposes of God for the whole creation are being accomplished through men, sinful though they are. Gen. 1:26-2:5; 3:17-19; Heb. 2:5-9; Eph. 1:20-23.

Man is steward of the creation and should treat his resources of material wealth, environment, health, energy and talents as gifts of God, for which he must give account. Gen. 1:26; Ps. 8:6; Gen. 2:15-17; Heb. 2:5-9; 1 Cor. 4:2; 10:6,11; 1 Pet. 4:10-11.

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We reject any view of man's relationship to his environment which either leads to his irresponsible exploitation of, or denies his proper dominion over, the earth.

The whole creation now groans because of man's sin. It, along with man, will be delivered from corruption at the consumation of all things. Rom. 8:21-22

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The Scriptures teach that everything belongs to God; that the authority and power to obtain and use goods are given by God; and that men are to seek God's glory in the use of their goods. The Scriptures direct how goods are to be obtained and used. No existing economic system incorporates all these teachings. 1 Cor. 10:26; Deut. 8:18; 2 Chron 1:12; Luke 12:13-21; Ps. 112; Acts 5:4; 1 Tim 6:6-10, 17-19; James 4:13

We reject Marxist communism because of its doctrines of atheism, necessary class struggle, economic determinism, dialectical materialism, and the inherent illegitimacy of private property.

We reject that form of capitalism which holds that men possess absolute property rights and that the state has no right to protect the weak and restrain evil in economic affairs.

We reject that form of socialism which denies the right to own property. We warn against the

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concentration of economic power in the hands of the state, as it tends to deprive men of the due reward of their labor. Deut. 17:14-20; 1 Sam. 8:10-18

The Scriptures require the Christian to exercise stewardship over his possessions. In view of that requirement, he should contribute gladly to the Lord's work and give generously to the poor and needy. Under the old covenant the Lord required the practice of tithing. Recognizing the greater blessings under the new covenant and the fact that Christ endorsed tithing, the Christian should respond out of love by giving at least as great a proportion of his income to the Lord's work through the church. Deut. 26:12-15; Mal. 3:10; Matt. 23:23

The church, regardless of the economic system under which it exists, has the duty to speak against social evils such as oppression of the poor. The church must never become the instrument of any powerful exploiting class. Amos 8:4-7; Isa. 5:8; Gal. 2:10; Prov. 14:21,31; 1 Jn 3:17; Luke 18:22; Ps. 35:10; 41:1; 82:4.

To possess wealth is not in itself sinful, but men should resist the temptation to accumulate wealth by exploiting others or for sinful purposes. Mic. 2:2; 1 Cor. 10:24; Eph. 4:28; 1 Tim. 6:6-10, 17-19.

Chapter 14: Of Saving Faith
(Larger Catechism: 60,72,73; Shorter Catechism: 29-30)

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1. The grace of faith, whereby the elect are enabled to believe to the saving of their souls, is the work of the Spirit of Christ in their hearts; and is ordinarily wrought by the ministry of the Word: by which also, and by the administration of the sacraments and prayer, it is increased and strengthened.

2. By this faith, a Christian believeth to be true whatsoever is revealed in the Word, for the authority of God Himself speaking therein; and acteth differently upon that which each particular passage thereof containeth; yielding obedience to the commands, trembling at the threatenings, and embracing the promises of God for this life, and that

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Saving faith is the gift of the Triune God. It is the Father's will that the elect should be united to Christ by faith. The Son, by His death, provided that saving faith should be freely granted to them. The Holy Spirit, therefore, regenerates each one of them, enabling them to receive Jesus Christ by faith as their Lord and Savior. Rom. 3:25,26; Rom. 1:16-17; Col. 2:12; Phil. 1:29; 2 Thess. 2:13; 1 Pet. 1:3; Eph. 1:3-14; Rom. 8:28-29.

We reject the teaching that regeneration is the result of saving faith.

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which is to come. But the principal acts of saving faith are accepting, receiving, and resting upon Christ alone for justification, sanctification, and eternal life, by virtue of the covenant of grace.

3. This faith is different in degrees, weak or strong; may be often and many ways assailed, and weakened, but gets the victory; growing up in many to the attainment of a full assurance

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Saving faith will normally come to expression in a public confession of Christ within the visible church. Ro. 10:9

We reject the doctrine of universal salvation. Matt. 25:46; John 5:28-29; Rom. 2:6-13.

We reject the idea that a man can be saved by any means other than faith in Jesus Christ. 1 Tim. 2:5; Rom. 3:28; John 14:6; Acts 4:12; Heb. 11:24-26.

We reject the idea that unregenerate people can be persuaded to believe without the ministry of the Holy Spirit. Rom. 9:16; Titus 3:5

We reject the concept that saving faith is merely agreeing that the Bible is historically accurate, and that the doctrines of the Bible are true. James 2:19

The proper basis for believing is the infinite sufficiency of Christ to save, the unrestricted free invitation to come to Him for salvation, God's command to all to repent and believe, and the promise of salvation to those who believe and obey the Gospel. Heb. 7:25; Isa. 55:1,5,7; Rev. 22:17; 1 Jn 3:23; Acts 16:31; Heb. 5:9

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through the Christ, who is both the author and finisher of our faith.	
	God's offer of salvation is genuine, regardless of man's response. Jn. 6:35-37; Matt. 11:28-30; Jn. 7:37; Rom. 3:4
	We reject the idea that saving faith is a man's persuading himself that he is elect, and that he has already been saved. Prov. 14:12; 1 Jn. 1:6-7; 1 Jn 2:4-5

Chapter 15: Of Repentance Unto Life
(Larger Catechism: 76,153,194; Shorter Catechism: 85,87)

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1. Repentance unto life is an evangelical grace, the doctrine whereof is to be preached by every minister of the Gospel, as well as that of faith in Christ.	Repentance leads to eternal life only when it is accompanied by faith in Christ. Acts 20:21; Mk. 1:15
2. By it, a sinner, out of the sight and sense not only of the danger, but also of the filthiness and odiousness of his sins, as contrary to the holy nature and righteous law of God; and upon the apprehension of His mercy in Christ to such as are penitent, so grieves for, and hates his sins, as to turn from them all unto God, purposing and endeavoring to walk with Him in all the ways of His commandments.	
3. Although repentance be not to be rested in, as any satisfaction for sin, or any cause of the pardon thereof, which is the act of God's free grace in Christ; yet is it	Although a believer is freed from the penalty of sin by justification, he is still bound to give perfect obedience to God's law. Because of incomplete sanctification he is

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of such necessity to all sinners, that none may expect pardon without it.	unable to do this, but daily breaks the commands of God in thought, word and deed. Therefore all men are in continual need of repentance. 1 Jn. 1:8-10; Rom. 7:14-25; 1 Tim. 1:15; Lev. 19:2; Eccl. 7:20; Gen. 8:21; Jn. 13:10. **We reject** the doctrine that Christians can in this life attain a condition in which they no longer have need of repentance. 1 Tim. 1:15. Unregenerate men may, and often do, feel regret or remorse, realizing that sin brings shame and misery and is an obstacle to the happiness they seek; but they may not see sin as an offense against the holy God. Since they do not turn to God, they do not exercise true repentance. 2 Cor. 7:10; Heb. 12:16-17; Rom. 1:32.
4. As there is no sin so small, but it deserves damnation, so there is no sin so great, that it can bring damnation upon those who truly repent.	The unpardonable sin is the rejection of the testimony of the Holy Spirit concerning Jesus Christ. It is the wilful and persistent rejection of the only hope of forgiveness through the Savior. Matt. 10:33; 2 Tim. 2:12.
5. Men ought not to content themselves with a general repentance, but it is every man's duty to endeavor to repent of his particular sins, particularly.	Self-examination is essential to true repentance. A person must examine his life to detect specific sins, and repent of them. Ps. 26; Ps. 139; Ps. 32:5,6; 1 Jn. 1:9; Ps. 119:59; 2 Cor. 13:5.
6. As every man is bound to make private confession of his	Since sin is primarily an offense against God, confession to other

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sins to God, praying for the pardon thereof; upon which, and the forsaking of them, he shall find mercy; so, he that scandalizeth his brother, or the Church of Christ, ought to be willing, by a private or public confession, and sorrow for his sin, to declare His repentance to those that are offended, who are thereupon to be reconciled to him, and in love to receive him.	men cannot take the place of repentance toward God. Since each one is to confess his sins to God, the source of forgiveness, he has no need of priest or other intermediary except Jesus Christ. He should also confess to men against whom he has sinned, and submit to all lawful penalties. Ps. 32:5; 51:4; 1 Cor. 5:1-13; Jas. 5:16. Every man bears a degree of responsibility for the sins of groups in which he participates. When sins are corporate, repentance and confession should be corporate as well as individual. Josh. 7:11; Dan. 9:3-20; 2 Chron. 15:8-15; Neh. 9:1-38; Rev. 2:5, 16; Matt. 6:12. Godly repentance implies true faith and union with Christ, but is not the ground of pardon. It precedes the joy which flows from the assurance of pardon. Zech. 12:10; Eph. 1:7; Rom. 3:28; Luke 13:3; Acts 3:19; Ps. 51:1,8,12; 2 Cor. 7:10.

Chapter 16: Of Good Works

(Larger Catechism: 60,73,78; Shorter Catechism: 35)

Confession	Testimony
1. Good works are only such as God hath commanded in His holy Word, and not such as, without the warrant thereof, are devised by men, out of blind zeal, or upon any pretence of good intention.	Good works, while not a means of salvation, are required of believers as a testimony to God's grace, as evidence of regeneration and as a blessing to mankind. Matt. 5:16; Eph. 2:10; Titus 3:8-14.

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2. These good works, done in obedience to God's commandments, are the fruits and evidences of a true and lively faith: and by them believers manifest their thankfulness, strengthen their assurance, edify their brethren, adorn the profession of the Gospel, stop the mouths of the adversaries, and glorify God, whose workmanship they are, created in Christ Jesus thereunto; that, having their fruit unto holiness, they may have the end, eternal life.

3. Their ability to do good works is not at all of themselves, but wholly from the Spirit of Christ. And that they may be enabled thereunto, besides the graces they have already received there is required an actual influence of the same Holy Spirit, to work in them to will and to do of His good pleasure: yet are they not hereupon to grow negligent, as if they were not bound to perform any duty, unless upon a special motion of the Spirit; but they ought to be diligent in stirring up the grace of God that is in them.

4. They, who in their obedience attain to the greatest height which is possible in this life, are so far from being able to supererogate, and to do more

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We reject the notion that sincerity of performance, or the declaration of a church, can make any act a "good work". Ro. 10:2; Matt 15:9.

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than God requires, as that they fall short of much which in duty they are bound to do.

5. We cannot, by our best works, merit pardon of sin, or eternal life at the hand of God, by reason of the great disproportion that is between them and the glory to come; and the infinite distance that is between us and God, whom, by them, we can neither profit, nor satisfy for the debt of our former sins, but when we have done all we can we have done but our duty, and are unprofitable servants; and because as they are good, they proceed from His Spirit; and as they are wrought by us, they are defiled, and mixed with so much weakness and imperfection, that they cannot endure the severity of God's judgment.

6. Yet notwithstanding, the persons of believers being accepted through Christ, their good works also are accepted in Him, not as though they were in this life wholly unblameable and unreprovable in God's sight; but that He, looking upon them in His Son, is pleased to accept and reward that which is sincere, although accompanied with many weaknesses and imperfections.

7. Works done by unregenerate men, although, for the matter of them, they may be things which God commands, and of good use

Testimony

We reject the idea that we, by good works, can win favor with God, either for ourselves or for others. Rom. 3:20; Isa. 64:6.

By God's grace, many unregenerate men have generous impulses and may lead outwardly moral lives. Yet good works are only

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both to themselves and others: yet, because they proceed not from a heart purified by faith; nor are done in a right manner according to the Word; nor to a right end, the glory of God; they are therefore sinful, and cannot please God, or make a man meet to receive grace from God. And yet, their neglect of them is more sinful, and displeasing unto God.	those things done in obedience to His revealed will, out of sincere love for Him and desire to serve Him. The Christian may work with unbelievers in seeking the good of society, but his chief motive should be the glory of God. Christians should avoid any voluntary association in which they cannot maintain a consistent testimony for Christ. Rom. 14:23; Eph. 2:10; John 15:5; Rom. 12:1-2.

Chapter 17: Of the Perseverance of the Saints
(Larger Catechism: 79-81; Shorter Catechism: 35-36)

Confession	Testimony
1. They, whom God hath accepted in His Beloved, effectually called, and sanctified by His Spirit, can neither totally, nor finally, fall away from the state of grace: but shall certainly persevere therein to the end, and be eternally saved.	Men may profess faith in Jesus Christ and have the outward appearance of being regenerate, for a time, and yet finally fall away from this profession. Heb. 6:4-8; 2 Pet. 2:20-22. **We reject** the view that, because it appears to happen in human observation, true believers can fall away and be eternally lost. 1 Jn. 2:19. The Church cannot discern hypocrites so long as they continue to profess the true religion, and appear obedient to the law of God. 1 Sam. 16:7. **We reject** the view that the Church is able to judge the hearts of men. Ps. 7:9; 75:7 Jer. 17:9-10.

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2. This perseverance of the saints depends not upon their own free will, but upon the immutability of the decree of election, flowing from the free and unchangeable love of God the Father; upon the efficacy of the merit and intercession of Jesus Christ; the abiding of the Spirit, and of the seed of God within them; and the nature of the covenant of grace; from all which ariseth also the certainty and infallibility thereof.	
3. Nevertheless, they may, through the temptations of Satan and of the world, the prevalency of corruption remaining in them, and the neglect of the means of their preservation, fall into grievous sins; and, for a time, continue therein: whereby they incur God's displeasure, and grieve His Holy Spirit, come to be deprived of some measure of their graces and comforts, have their hearts hardened, and their consciences wounded, hurt and scandalize others, and bring temporal judgments upon themselves.	**We reject** the accusation that the doctrine of the perseverance of the saints is opposed to the believers' responsibility to pursue their own growth in holiness.

Chapter 18: Of the Assurance of Grace and Salvation
(Larger Catechism: 80-81; Shorter Catechism: 36)

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1. Although hypocrites and other unregenerate men may vainly deceive themselves with false hopes, and carnal presumptions	

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of being in the favour of God, and estate of salvation: which hope of theirs shall perish: yet such as truly believe in the Lord Jesus, and love Him in sincerity, endeavoring to walk in all good conscience before Him, may, in this life, be certainly assured that they are in the state of grace, and may rejoice in the hope of the glory of God, which hope shall never make them ashamed.

2. This certainty is not a bare conjectural and probable persuasion, grounded upon a fallible hope; but an infallible assurance of faith, founded upon the divine truth of the promises of those grace unto which these promises are made, the testimony of the Spirit of adoption witnessing with our spirits that we are the children of God: which Spirit is the earnest of our inheritance, whereby we are sealed to the day of redemption.

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A man may believe himself to be saved when he is not. A man can also fear that he is not saved, when in actual fact he is. Isa. 50:10; Luke 18:11-14.

The Holy Spirit gives assurance of salvation by leading believers to rest confidently on God's promises, producing in their lives the love for Christ and others which is the fruit of the new birth and enabling them to call upon God as their loving Father in heaven. 2 Tim. 1:12; Jn. 14:21; 1 Jn. 3:14; Rom. 8:14-16; 1 Jn. 2:5; 5:13; Jn. 10:27-28.

Spiritual experiences or circumstances, however worthy, such as: birth of Christian parents, church membership, participation in the sacraments, the hearing of the Word, good works, response to an altar call, speaking in tongues, and other real or imagined evidences of grace, do not of themselves constitute a basis for assurance of salvation. Rom. 9:7; 2:28-29; 1 Cor. 10:1-12; Heb. 4:2; Acts 8:9-24; 1 Cor. 11:27,-29; Heb. 10:38-39; Tit. 3:5.

We reject the view that, without saving faith, participation in the sacraments or the use of any other means of grace is a proper basis of assurance.

We reject the teaching that assurance must be chiefly based upon one's memory of a particular conversion experience.

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3. This infallible assurance doth not so belong to the essence of faith, but that a true believer may wait long, and conflict with many difficulties before he be partaker of it: yet, being enabled by the Spirit to know the things which are freely given him of God, he may without extraordinary revelation, in the right use of ordinary means, attain thereunto. And therefore it is the duty of everyone to give all diligence to make his calling and election sure; that thereby his heart may be enlarged in peace and joy of the Holy Ghost, in love and thankfulness to God, and in strength and cheerfulness in the duties of obedience, the proper fruits of this assurance; so far is it from inclining men to looseness.	It is the task of the church to declare the Word of God so that the believer, being enabled by the Holy Spirit, can discern his own true inward condition, and thus know that he is saved; but it is not the proper function of the minister or any other person to tell people whether they are saved. Rom. 8:16. **We reject** the view that preaching the gospel consists merely in urging people to assent to its truth. While the Scriptures require self-examination, a believer must remember that his heart can be deceived, and that he is always subject to the temptation to trust in works rather than in Christ. A person should not lightly assume he is saved. 1 Cor. 11:28,32; Prov. 28:26; 1 Jn. 3: 19—24; Gal. 6:3; Rev. 3:17-18.
4. True believers may have the assurance of their salvation divers ways shaken, diminished, and intermitted; as, by negligence in preserving of it, by falling into some special sin, which woundeth the conscience and grieveth the Spirit, by some sudden or behement temptation, by God's withdrawing the light of His countenance, and suffering even such as fear Him to walk in darkness and to have no light: yet are	A believer's lack of assurance may evidence sinful neglect. Fear respecting the state of a man's own heart is not necessarily the sin of unbelief, for unbelief consists in rejecting the gospel, not in questioning the presence of grace in the heart. 2 Cor. 13:5. **We reject** the teaching that a full assurance of salvation is so inseparably connected with sav-

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they never utterly destitute of that seed of God, and life of faith, that love of Christ and the brethren, that sincerity of heart, and conscience of duty, out of which, by the operation of the Spirit, this assurance may, in due time, be revived; and by the which, in the mean time, they are supported from utter despair.	ing faith that a believer cannot be saved without it. **We reject** the teaching that assurance of salvation leads to complacency, or is unimportant to the life and walk of faith, to prayer, and to good works.

Chapter 19: Of the Law of God
(Larger Catechism: 91-148; Shorter Catechism: 40-81)

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1. God give to Adam a law, as a covenant of works, by which He bound him and all his posterity to personal, entire, exact, and perpetual obedience; promised life upon the fulfilling, and threatened death upon the breach of it: and endued him with power and ability to keep it.	
2. This law, after his fall, continued to be a perfect rule of righteousness, and, as such, was delivered by God upon Mount Sinai, in ten commandments, and written in two tables: the four first commandments containing our duty towards God; and the other six our duty to man.	This law is still the rule of God's judgment of men. Christ has fulfilled the requirements of the law for His people by His perfect obedience and His propitiation for their sins. Gal. 3:10-14; Matt. 5:17-18.
3. Beside this law, commonly called moral, God was pleased to give to the people of Israël, as a church under age, ceremonial laws, containing several typical ordinances, partly of worship, prefiguring Christ, His graces,	The ceremonial laws were fulfilled by Christ as our high priest and are no longer binding. Heb. 10:1-22.

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actions, suffereings, and benefits; and partly holding forth divers instructions of moral duties. All which ceremonial laws are now abrogated, under the New Testament.

4. To them also, as a body politic, He gave sundry judicial laws, which expired together with the State of that people; not obliging any other now, further than the general equity thereof may require.

5. The moral law doth for ever bind all, as well justified persons as others, to the obedience thereof; and that, not only in regard of the matter contained in it, but also in respect of the authority of God the Creator, who gave it: neither doth Christ, in the Gospel, any way dissolve, but much strengthen this obligation.

6. Although true believers be not under the law, as a covenant of works, to be thereby justified or condemned; yet is it of great use to them, as well as to others; in that, as a rule of life informing them of the will of God, and their duty, it directs, and binds them to walk accordingly; discovering also the sinful pollutions of their nature, hearts, and lives; so as, examining themselves thereby, they may come to further conviction of, humiliation for, and hatred against sin; together with a clearer sight of the need they have of Christ, and the perfection

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We reject the teaching that believers are not required to keep all of the Ten Commandments under the New Testament. Matt. 5:19-20.

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of His obedience. It is likewise of use to the regenerate, to restrain their corruptions, in that it forbids sins; and the threatenings of it serve to show what even their sins deserve; and what afflictions, in this life, they may expect for them, although freed from the curse thereof threatened in the law. The promises of it, in like manner, show them God's approbation of obedience, and what blessings they may expect upon the performance thereof; although not as due to them by the law, as a covenant of works. So as, a man's doing good, and refraining from evil, because the law encourageth to the one, and deterreth from the other, is no evidence of his being under the law; and not under grace.

7. Neither are the forementioned uses of the laws contrary to the grace of the Gospel, but do sweetly comply with it; the Spirit of Christ subjuing and enabling the will of man to do that, freely and cheerfully, which the will of God, revealed in the law, requireth to be done.

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A believer's obedience to the law of God is a proper expression of his thankfulness for the love which he has experienced in the Savior. Jn. 14:15.

We reject the view that obedience to God's law is sinful legalism.

Sinful legalism consists of mere outward conformity to the law in the absence of love to the Lawgiver. It often involves the effort to gain salvation or reward through such obedience, and the tendency to require of others a similar pattern of conduct. It may also involve adding human requirements that evade God's law. Matt. 23:13-31; Mk 7:1-23.

Chapter 20: Of Christian Liberty and Liberty of Conscience
(Larger Catechism: 45,83; Shorter Catechism: 26)

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1. The liberty which Christ hath purchased for believers under the Gospel consists in their freedom from the guilt of sin, the condemning wrath of God, the curse of the moral law; and, in their being delivered from this present evil world, bondage to Satan, and dominion of sin; from the evil of afflictions, the sting of death, the victory of the grave, and everlasting damnation; as also, in their free access to God, and their yielding obedience unto Him, not out of slavish fear, but a child-like love and willing mind. All which were common also to believers under the law. But, under the new testament, the liberty of Christians is further enlarged, in their freedom from the yoke of the ceremonial law, to which the Jewish Church was subjected; and in greater boldness of access to the throne of grace, and in fuller communications of the free Spirit of God, than believers under the law did ordinarily partake of.

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Christian liberty consists primarily in the believer's freedom from the guilt and power of sin, in freedom from the ceremonial law and in freedom of access to God through Christ. Tit. 2:14; Rom. 6:17-19,22; Gal. 5:1; Acts 15:10-11; Heb. 10:19-22.

Christ sets believers free not only from a feeling of guilt, but from actual guilt.

We reject the teaching that believers under the Old Testament had no such liberty as belongs to believers under the New Testament. The difference between the liberty enjoyed under the Old and New Testaments is one of degree rather than kind. Ps. 32:1-5; Ps. 130:7-8.

2. God alone is Lord of the conscience, and hath left it free from the doctrines and commandments of men, which are in any thing contrary to His Word; or beside it, if matters of faith or worship. So that, to believe such doctrines, or to obey such commands, out of conscience, is to betray true liberty of conscience: and the requiring of an implicit

Conscience is a sense of right and wrong by which one evaluates his own thoughts and behavior. When one follows his conscience he feels a measure of contentment; when he violates his conscience he feels distress. Conscience is natural to man, and implies his accountability to God, but it is not the rule of faith and practice. Conscience shows the

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faith, and an absolute and blind obedience is to destroy liberty of conscience and reason also.

3. They who, upon pretence of Christian liberty, do practice any sin, or cherish any lust, do thereby destroy the end of Christian liberty, which is, that being delivered out of the hands of our enemies, we might serve the Lord without fear, in holiness and righteousness before Him, all the days of our life.

4. And because the powers which God hath ordained, and the liberty which Christ hath purchased, are not intended to destroy, but mutually to uphold and preserve one another; they who, upon pretence of Christian liberty, shall oppose any lawful power, or the lawful exercise of it, whether it be civil or ecclesiastical, resist the ordinance of God. And, for their publishing of such opinions, or maintaining of such practices, as are contrary

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work of the law written on the heart, but is distorted by the work of Satan, by man's sinful nature, and by the ungodly standards of the world. The Christian's conscience is to be directed by God's revealed law, under the illumination of the Holy Spirit, with due attention to the teaching and admonition of the brethren. Although conscience is not infallible a person should not do what he believes to be wrong. Rom. 2:14,15; 2 Cor. 4:4; 1 Tim. 4:2,3; Rom. 12:1-2; Matt. 15:9; 2 Tim. 3:16-17; Ps. 143:10; Rom. 8:5-9; Col. 3:16; Rom. 14:14,23.

Liberty of conscience differs from Christian liberty. Liberty of conscience is the freedom to interpret and apply God's Word to one's own life. The Christian is to render due submission in the Lord to any lawful authority, but he has the right to disagree with any improper use of human authority. If that authority requires him to sin, he must obey

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to the light of nature, or to the known principles of Christianity, whether concerning faith, worship or conversation; or, to the power of godliness; or, such erronious opinions of practices, as wither in their own nature, or in the manner of publishing or maintaining them, are destructive to the external peace and order which Christ hath established in the Church, they may lawfully be called to account, and proceeded against by the censures of the Church, and by the power of the civil magistrate.	God rather than man. Individual liberty is regulated by the principles found in Scripture and is limited by the mutual duties believers owe to one another, and by concern for the welfare of all men. Rom. 13:1-7; Acts 5:29; 1 Pet. 2:13-16; 1 Cor. 10:27-29; Rom. 14:10-15; 1 Cor. 8:9-15; Tit. 3:1; Gal. 5:13-18. The civil magistrate has no authority to pronounce ecclesiastical censures.

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If one wishes, he may specify where he desires the bequest to go. In making out a will, it is advisable to get legal advice.

ROSTER OF THE IOWA PRESBYTERY

Moderator..... John McMillan
Clerk..... Duncan Lowe
Treasurer..... George Masson, Jr.
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1876 8th Ave.
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Morning Sun, IA 52640
Moderator of Ad Interim Commission..... Duncan Lowe

Lake Reno—Glenwood, MN 56334 (Rural: 4 miles N of Glenwood on Hwy. 29)
Pastor:

Clerk of Session: Leo Brock, R.F.D., Villard, MN 56385. Phone: 612-554-2675.
Treasurer: Miss Willa Hogan, 406 E. Minnesota, Glenwood, MN 56334.
S.S. Supt.: Mrs. Chris Springman, 120 1st Ave., S.E., Glenwood, MN 56334.

Marion—South 15th and Grand Ave., Marion, IA 52302. Phone: 319-377-2146.
Pastor: John M. McMillan, 1145 A Ave., Marion, IA 52302. Phone: 319-377-7283. Installed 1974.
Clerk of Session: Thomas Joseph, R.R. 2, Marion, IA 52302. Phone: 319-854-6208.
Treasurer: Edward Rice, 520 3rd Ave., Marion, IA 52302.
S.S. Supt.: Orville (Butch) Shoop, Jr., 1876 8th Ave., Marion, IA 52302.

Morning Sun—Morning Sun, IA 52640
Clerk of Session: J. Ralph Wilson, R.R. 2, Morning Sun, IA 52640. Phone: 319-868-7868.
Treasurer: Mrs. Alma Dickson, Morning Sun, IA 52640.
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Sharon—R. R. 2, Morning Sun, IA 52640. Phone: 319-394-3382.
Pastor: G. Duncan Lowe, R.R. 2, Morning Sun, IA 52640. Phone: 319-868-7719. Installed 1974.
Clerk of Session: John W. Smith, R.R. 3, Box 225 A, Burlington, IA 52601.

Treasurer: Mrs. Lillian Gregory, Morning Sun, IA 52640.
S.S. Supt.: William Baird, Box 453, Mediapolis, IA 52637.

Washington—500 S. Ave. "D", Washington, IA 52353. Phone: 319-653-3101.
Pastor: S. Ray Blair, 705 S. Ave. "B", Washington, IA 52353. Phone: 319-653-3855. Installed 1957.
Clerk of Session: George Masson, Jr. 731 S. Marion Ave., Washington, IA 52353. Phone: 319-653-4352.
Treasurer: Mrs. Burdette Moore, Rt. 1, Columbus Junction, IA 52738.
S.S. Supt.: Mrs. Robert Megchelson, Rt. 1, Ainsworth, IA 52201.

Ordained Men Without Pastorates
G. M. Robb, D.D., 2344 Perrysville Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15214

ROSTER OF MIDWEST PRESBYTERY

Moderator ..... Bruce R. Backensto
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12708 W. 55th Terrace
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Clarinda—R.R. 3, Box 72, Clarinda, Iowa 51632. Phone: 712-542-3257.
Pastor: David R. Patterson, 820 Logan Court, Clarinda, IA 51632. Phone: 712-542-5026. Installed 1976.
Session: David R. Patterson, Moderator; Raymond Moore.
Inactive elder: John Bayles.
Clerk: Raymond Moore, R.R. 3, Bedford, IA 50833. Phone: 712-585-3398.
Treasurer: Mrs. Helen Falk, R.R. 4, Clarinda, IA 51632. Phone: 712-542-2697.
S.S. Supt.: Mrs. Ida Whitehill, 908 S. 19th St., Clarinda, IA 51632. Phone: 712-542-4766.

Denison—P. O. Box 76, Denison, KS 66419. No phone.
Pastor: J. Edward Hindman, P.O. Box 76, Denison, KS 66419. Phone: 913-935-2394. Installed 1977.
Session: J. Edward Hindman, Moderator; Lloyd Copeland; Dale Blackwood; Robert Braum; Harold McCrory; Merlin Wing.
Clerk: Merlin Wing, Rt. 1, Box 71, Mayetta, KS 66509. Phone: 913-935-2362.

Treasurer: Stewart Robb, Rt. 1, Mayetta, KS 66509. Phone: 913-935-2733.
S.S. Supt.: Lloyd Copeland, Rt. 1, Box 59, Mayetta, KS 66509. Phone: 913-935-2428.

Greeley—10th Ave. and 15th St., Greeley, CO 80631. Phone: 303-352-1912.
Pastor: E. Raymond Hemphill, D.D., 1505 Tenth Ave., Greeley, CO 80631. Phone: 303-352-1912. Installed 1968.
Session: E. Raymond Hemphill, D.D., Moderator; Philip W. Kennedy; Gilford Alexander; J. Clyde Dunn; Neeland B. Siebring.
Inactive Elders: Edwin R. Keys, Roy M. Carson, W. Wylie Kennedy.
Clerk: Philip W. Kennedy, P.O. Box 16, Pierce, CO 80650. Phone: 303-834-2223.
Treasurer: Neeland B. Siebring, 31752 Weld Co. Rd. 52, Kersey, CO 80644.
S.S. Supt.: Neeland B. Siebring, (Same as Treasurer above.)

Hays—1115 Cody Ave., Hays, KS 67601. Phone: 913-625-7144.
Pastor: Bruce C. Hemphill, 1101 Downing Ave., Hays, KS 67601. Phone: 913-625-7671. Installed 1978.
Session: Bruce C. Hemphill, Moderator; Joe Copeland; Neal Mann.
Clerk: Neal K. Mann, 1722 Donald Dr., Hays, KS 67601. Phone: 913-628-2195.
Treasurer: James S. Bruce, II, 601 W. 6th St., Hays, KS 67601. Phone: 913-628-2442.
S.S. Supt.: None.

Hebron—1328 Goodin Dr., Clay Center, KS 67432. (Phone not yet installed)
Pastor: J. Bruce Martin, 813 Crawford, Clay Center, KS 67432. Phone: 913-632-2458. Installed 1976.
Session: J. Bruce Martin, Moderator: Russell James; Byron McMahan; Ray Milligan.
Clerk: Russell James, Rt. 5, Clay Center, KS 67432. Phone: 913-632-5016.
Treasurer: Mrs. Russell James, (Same as Clerk above.)
S.S. Supt.: Mrs. Cecil Fowles, Rt. 3, Clay Center, KS 67432. Phone: 913-632-2034.

Hot Springs—316 Myrtle Ave., Truth or Consequences, NM 87901. No phone.
Pastor: None.
Session: J. Paul McCracken, Moderator; June E. McElroy, Archie McKissick.
Correspondent: Mrs. R. H. McKelvy, 725 Wyona, Truth or Consequences, NY 87901. Phone: 505-894-6220.

Treasurer: Mrs. Margaret Trobough, 101 Michigan St., Williamsburg, NM 87492. Phone: 505-894-2027.
S.S. Supt.: Rev. Boyd A. White, P.O. Box 567, Truth or Consequences, NM 87901. Phone: 505-894-2381.

Lawrence—3312 West 23rd St., Lawrence, KS 66044. Phone: 913-842-5797.
Pastor: Ronald H. Stegall, 721 Mississippi, Lawrence, KS 66044. Phone: 913-842-3842. Installed 1976.
Session: Ronald H. Stegall, Moderator; Robert E. Catloth; Harold Milligan.
Clerk: Robert E. Catloth, 717 Mississippi, Lawrence, KS 66044. Phone: 913-842-6805.
Treasurer: Martha J. McKinney, Rt. #3, Lawrence, KS 66044. Phone: 913-843-6418.
C.E. Chairman: Chris Wright, 1517 W. 9th, Lawrence, KS 66044. Phone: 913-841-2823.

Minneola—(Locust & Maple), Box 424, Minniola, KS 67865. Phone: 316-885-4346.
Pastor: D. Raymond McCracken, (Ash & Poplar), Box 424, Minneola, KS 67865. Phone: 316-885-4755. Installed 1976.
Session: D. Raymond McCracken, Moderator; Cloyce Beard; Reed Hindman; Archie McKissick.
Clerk: Archie McKissick, Minneola, KS 67865. Phone: 316-885-4402.
Treasurer: Mrs. Reed Hindman, Minneola, KS 67865. Phone: 316-885-4602.
S.S. Supt.: None.

Park City—6300 Tarryton, Wichita, KS 67219. Phone: 316-774-1305.
Pastor: None.
Session: D. Howard Elliott, D.D., Moderator; C. Martin Chestnut; Dr. Joe Huston; Carl E. Mathews; Dr. Wilbur A. McElroy; Dr. Joe McFarland; Dr. Darrell Parnell.
Clerk: Dr. Joe Huston, 440 SW Marlborough Rd., Topeka, KS 66610. Phone: 913-478-4398.
Treasurer: Robert Maine, 1336 Stony Point, Wichita, KS 67209. Phone: 316-722-3001.
S.S. Supt.: Sam Wilkey, 1936 Mentor, Wichita, KS 67213. Phone: 316-264-4816.

Quinter—Eighth & Gove Sts., Quinter, KS 67752. Phone: 913-754-3406.
Pastor: Robert H. McFarland, 711 Gove St., Quinter, KS 67752. Phone: 913-754-3406. Installed 1966.
Session: Robert H. McFarland, Moderator; Vernon Bender, Max Mann, Chester Graham, Roland Graham, Waldo McBurney.

Clerk: Waldo McBurney, Quinter, KS 67752. Phone: 913-754-3534.
Treasurer: Mrs. Garry Roberts, R.R., Quinter, KS 67752. Phone: 913-754-3635.
S.S. Supt.: James Mann, Quinter, KS 67752. Phone: 913-754-3755.

Shawnee—(6835 Pflumm Road) P.O. Box 3427, Shawnee, KS 66203. Phone: 913-631-1991.
Pastor: Jerrold S. Milroy, 14103 W. 62nd Terrace, Shawnee, KS 66216. Phone: 913-631-9380. Installed 1977.
Session: Jerrold S. Milroy, Moderator: Robert Copeland, Harold Faris, Chester Hutcheson, Clyde Redpath, Harold Ward, R. Paul Wright, M.D.
Clerk: R. Paul Wright, M.D., 9119-D Riggs Lane, Overland Park, KS 66212. Phone: 913-236-9574.
S.S. Supt.: Mrs. Donald Weimer, 2421 West 49th Terrace, Shawnee Mission, KS 66205. Phone: 913-236-5214.

Sterling—421 N. Eighth, Sterling, KS 67579. Phone: 316-278-3507.
Pastor: Bruce R. Backensto, R.R. 2, Box 4, Sterling, KS 67579. Phone: 316-278-2691. Installed 1972.
Session: Bruce R. Backensto, Moderator; James D. Humphreys, Robert McCrory, Eldo McFarland, Donald Reed.
Clerk: James D. Humphreys, R.R. 2, Sterling, KS 67579. Phone: 316-278-2360.
Treasurer: James McCrory, 449 North Sixth, Sterling, KS 67579. Phone: 316-278-2897.
S.S. Supt.: John Wilkey, 217 South Fifth, Sterling, KS 67579. Phone: 316-278-3182.

Superior-Beulah—423 E. 5th St., Superior, NB 68978. No phone.
Pastor: T. M. Hutcheson, 456 Dakota, Superior, NB 68978. Phone: 402-879-3167. Installed 1977.
Session: T. M. Hutcheson, Moderator; Kenneth Hurd, Harold Martin, Ted Schott.
Clerk: Kenneth Hurd, 1144 Idaho St., Superior, NB 68978. Phone: 402-879-3389.
Treasurer: Mrs. Kenneth Hurd. (Same address as Clerk above.)
S.S. Supt.: Mrs. Dale Adams, R. F. D. #2, Superior, NB 68978. Phone: 402-879-8512.

Topeka—2121 Fairlawn Rd., Topeka, KS 66614. Phone: 913-272-1940.
Pastor: D. Howard Elliott, D.D., 2007 Crest Dr., Topeka, KS 66604. Phone: 913-272-2554. Installed 1964.
Session: D. Howard Elliott, Moderator; C. Martin Chestnut, Dr. Joe Huston, Carl E. Mathews, Dr. Wilbur A. McElroy, Dr. Joe McFarland, Dr. Darrell Parnell, Wilmer R. Piper.

Clerk: Carl E. Mathews, 6135 NW Glenwood Dr., Topeka, KS 66617. Phone: 913-288-0627.
Treasurer: Dr. Wm. O. Martin, 3643 York Way, Topeka, KS 66604. Phone: 913-272-5916.
S.S. Supt.: R. Maurice Reed, 2706 Osborn Rd., Topeka, KS 66614. Phone: 913-272-5328.

Westminster—4455 W. 112th Ave., Westminster, CO 80030. Phone: 303-469-0761.
Pastor: J. Paul McCracken, 8823 Princeton St., Westminster, CO 80030. Phone: 303-427-1352. Installed 1974.
Session: J. Paul McCracken, Moderator: Robert Mann, June E. McElroy.
Clerk: June E. McElroy, 330 S. Corona St., Denver, CO 80209. Phone: 303-777-7248.
Treasurer: John T. Duke, 6991 W. 48th Ave., Wheat Ridge, CO 80033. Phone: 303-420-4430.
C. E. Chairman: Greg Adams, 3550 Ames St., Wheat Ridge, CO 80212. Phone: 303-420-5076.

Winchester—Winchester, KS 66097. Phone: 913-774-4585.
Pastor: None
Session: Jerrold S. Milroy, Moderator; Dale Curry, Don Gorden, F. W. Huston, M.D., Robert C. Keys, Sr., M.D., Scott Milroy.
Clerk: Robert C. Keys, Sr., M.D., Winchester, KS 66097. Phone: 913-774-4570.
Treasurer: Mrs. Hazel Sass, Winchester, KS 66097. Phone: 913-774-2810.
S.S. Supt.: Mr. Dale Curry, Winchester, KS 66097. Phone: 913-774-7325.

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Luther B. McFarland, 402 E. Main, Sterling, KS 67579.
Harold F. Thompson, 775 S. Alton Way, Apt. 10-C, Denver, CO 80231.
Boyd A. White, Box 567, Truth or Consequences, NM 87901.
Paul D. White, Winchester, KS 66097.
Robert More, Jr., Denison, KS 66419.
Waldo Mitchel, 5619 West 17th Terrace, Topeka, KS 66604.

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James C. Pennington, Dai Ichi House No. 213, 1-1-7 Isumi-Dai Kita-ku, Kobe 651-11, Japan

Gene W. Spear, 352-6 Aza Totanda Mukosho, Amagasaki, Japan 661

Licentiates

Larry R. Falk, Clarinda, IA 51632.

ROSTER OF NEW YORK PRESBYTERY

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Treasurer ..... T. A. Price
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Wappingers Falls, N.Y. 12590
Moderator, Ad Interim Commission ..... William Cornell
Moderator, Church Extension ..... George W. Price

Broomall—25 Lawrence Road, Broomall, Pa. 19008. Phone 215-353-1371.

Pastor: H. B. Harrington, 27 Lawrence Rd., Broomall, Pa. 19008. Phone: 215-356-9442. Installed 1968.

Assoc. Pastor: William H. Cornell, 205 Bridge St., Phoenixville, Pa. 19460. Phone: 215-935-9648. Installed 1975.

Clerk of Session: Marshal Smith, 2634 Kirk Ave., Broomall, Pa. Phone: 215-356-2124.

Remaining Members of Session: William J. Edgar, Marshall Willson.

Inactive Members of Session: George W. Jackson, Millard L. Howell, Ralph R. Jackson.

Treasurer: Mrs. Robert D. Edgar, 733 Lindale Ave., Drexel Hill, Pa. 19026.

S.S. Supt.: Donald B. Willson, 210 Springfield Ave., Merchantville, N.J. 08109.

Cambridge—53 Antrim St., Cambridge, Mass. 02139. (all mail to clerk of session)

Pastor:

Clerk of Session: C. Frederic Millican, 410 Woburn St., Lexington, Mass. 02173. Phone: 617-862-0597.

Remaining Members of Session: Ernest J. McKeown, Thomas R. Smyth.

Treasurer: Mrs. C. Frederic Millican, address above.

S.S. Supt.: Thomas R. Smyth, 226 Erie St., Cambridge, Mass 02139.

Coldenham-Newburgh—Coldenham Rd., R.D. 2, Walden, N.Y. 12586.

Pastor: Robert W. McMillan, R.D. 2, Box 337, Walden, N.Y. 12586. Phone: 914-564-3924. Installed 1977.

Clerk of Session: Phillip A. Shafer, P.O. Box 753, Pine Bush, N.Y. 12566. Phone: 914-744-2593.

Remaining Members of Session: Donald Crawford, Andrew Price, Charles Shafer, Alex Waddell.

Inactive Members of Session: Jeff Levy, Edgar Lynn.
Treasurer: Mrs. Dorothy Meneely, 754 Blooming Grove Pike, New Windsor, N.Y. 12550.
S.S. Supt.: Mrs. Helen McGinnis, New Road, Rt. 1, Route 17K, Montgomery, N.Y. 12549.

Elkins Park—Cypruss and Cadwalader Ave., Elkins Park, Pa. 19117. Phone: 887-9188.
Pastor: Charles S. Sterrett, 8344 Cadwalader Ave., Elkins Park, Pa. 19117. Phone: 215-635-0680. Installed 1969.
Clerk of Session: Walter McClay, Coventry House, B-11, 8048 Oxford Ave., Philadelphia, Pa. 19111. Phone: 215-725-3479.
Remaining Members of Session: Brian Long, David Coon.
Inactive Members of Session: William Gregory.
Treasurer: Robert McClay, 72 Plumtree Road, Levittown, Pa. 19056.
S.S. Supt.: Richard McMillan, 16 Derry Road, North Eales, Pa. 19454.

New York—1932 Walton Ave., P.O. Box 225, Bronx, N.Y. 10453, Phone: 212-731-3291.
Pastor: George W. Price, 21 Executive Lane, Willingboro, N.J. 08046. Phone: 609-877-6513. Installed 1970. (Currently on leave)
Clerk of Session: Richard B. Weir, 18 Midland Ave., Bronxville, N.Y. 10708. Phone: 914-337-2833.
Remaining Members of Session: George Bichakjian, Robert Harris, W. K. Metcalfe.
Treasurer: William K. Metcalfe, 27 Overlook Drive, Chappaqua, N.Y. 10514.
S.S. Supt.: Richard B. Weir, address above.

Mission Stations

Easton Area Fellowship—1839 Bushkill Drive, Easton, Pa. 18042. (All mail to pastor.)
Pastor: Ralph E. Joseph, 3017 Swanson St., Easton, Pa. 18042. Phone: 215-253-8089. Service begun 1973.
Treasurer: Fred Purdue, Mitman Rd., R.D. 2, Easton, Pa. 18042.

Montclair—72 Gates Ave., Montclair, N.J. 07042. Phone: 201-746-9348.
Correspondent:
Treasurer: Miss Mary Jane Park, 2 Godfrey Rd., Upper Montclair, N.J. 07043.

White Lake—White Lake, N.Y. 12786.
Correspondent and Treasurer: Mrs. Victor Lynn, White Lake, N.Y. 12786.
S.S. Supt.: Dorothea Millen, Swan Lake, N.Y. 12783.

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Licentiate
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ROSTER OF OHIO-ILLINOIS PRESBYTERY

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Assistant Clerk ..... Robert W. Morrow
Treasurer ..... William Finley
Moderator, Ad Interim Commission ..... Robert Henning
Moderator, Church Extension Com. ..... Roy Blackwood
Conference Staff Director ..... James Wright

Belle Center—Belle Center, Ohio 43310.
Pastor:
Clerk of Session: Wilbur Keys, Rt. 2, Belle Center, Ohio 43310. Phone: 513-464-4157.
Treasurer: Paul McDonald, Bellefoantaine, Ohio 43311. Phone: 513-592-0200.
S.S. Supt.: Mrs. Howard Keys, Rt. 2, Belle Center, Ohio 43310. Phone: 513-464-2598.

Bloomington—302 E. First St., Bloomington, Ind. 4740l. Phone: 812-339-1922.
Pastor: Stanley R. Copeland, 3920 South Kennedy, Bloomington, Ind. 47401. Phone: 812-339-8350.
Clerk of Session: Ray Wampler 1100 S. Lincoln, Bloomington, Ind. 47401. Phone: 812-332-7183.
Treasurer: Lawrence Curry, 107 Johnson Ave., Bloomington, Ind. 47401. Phone: 812-339-9258.
S.S. Supt.: Mrs. Lawrence Curry, same as above.

Chicago—Meeting at the home of either Miss Ruby Sinclair or Mr. Roger Robb.
Pastor:
Clerk of Session: Provisional Session—contact Ray Joseph, Moderator, 1013 Hillcrest Road, West Lafayette, Ind. 47906.
Treasurer: Mr. Roger Robb, 7932 Glenwood, Highland, Ind. 46322. Phone: 219-923-8871.
S.S. Supt.: c/o Roger Robb.

Hetherton—Johannesburg, Michigan 49751.
Pastor:
Clerk of Session: Ed Roby, Box 233, Johannesburg, Michigan 49751. Phone: 517-786-2383.
Treasurer: Mrs. Fern Leino, Box 191B, Johannesburg, Michigan 49751. Phone: 517-876-2690.

S.S. Supt.: James McDonald, Box Johannesburg, Michigan 49751.

Indianapolis—Second Reformed Presbyterian Church, 4800 North Michigan Road, Indianapolis, Ind. 46208. Phone: 317-255-7557.
Pastor: Roy Blackwood, Jr., Ph.D., Box 647, Greenwood, Indiana 46214. Phone: 317-888-6777.
Clerk of Session: Donald H. Mullinnix, 1614 Guildhall Court, Indianapolis, Ind. 46269. Phone: 317-844-3416.
Treasurer: Douglas Jesch, 6410 Evanston, Indianapolis, Ind. 46220. Phone: 317-259-8030.
S.S. Supt.: Roger Svendson, Indianapolis, Ind.

Oakdale—Oakdale, Illinois 62268. Phone: 618-329-5283.
Pastor: Robert Henning, Oakdale, Ill. 62268. Phone: 618-329-5283. Installed 1971.
Clerk of Session: Preston Carson, Oakdale, Ill. 62268. Phone: 618-329-5232.
Treasurer: William Auld, Oakdale, Ill. 62268.
S.S. Supt.: Robert Piper, Oakdale, Ill. 62268.

Ogemaw—West Branch, Michigan 48661.
Pastor: M. L. McFarland, 1683 Rau Road, West Branch, Michigan 48661. Phone: 517-345-3288. Installed 1976.
Clerk of Session: R. Paul Mathews, 2195 Maes Road, West Branch, Michigan 48661. Phone: 517-345-3116.
Treasurer: Mrs. R. Paul Mathews, address above.
S.S. Supt.: George DeBolt, Bennett St., Rose City, Mi. 48654.

Orlando—The Reformed Presbyterian Church of Orlando, Florida, Inc., 324 East Livingston Ave., Orlando, Fla. 32801. Phone: 305-843-4361.
Pastor: James M. Wright, 2905 Gulf Drive, Orlando, Fla. 32806. Phone: 305-898-2553. Installed: 1970.
Clerk of Session: Edward Forest 719 Maxwell, Orlando, Fla. 32804. Phone: 305-425-7710.
Treasurer: Alan Windham, 657 Balmoral Road, Winter Park, Fla. 32789.
S.S. Supt.: Joseph Worsham, Rt. 3, Box 345-C, Orlando, Fla. 32811.

Selma—625 Jeff Davis Avenue, Selma, Alabama 36701. Phone: 205-875-7692.
Pastor: Godfrey Franklin, 625 Jeff Davis Avenue, Selma, Alabama 36701. Phone: 205-875-7692.
Clerk of Session: W. J. Yelder, 1619 Range Street, Selma, Alabama 36701. Phone: 205-875-7449.
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Southfield—26550 Evergreen Road, Southfield, Michigan 48076. Phone: 313-356-3932.
Pastor: John O. Edgar, 26580 Evergreen Road, Southfield, Mi. 48076. Phone: 313-356-3932. Installed 1969.
Clerk of Session: Bruce E. Adams, D.O., 29011 Merrick, Warren, Mi. 48092. Phone: 313-751-3270.
Treasurer: J. R. Stevenson, 20781 Hugo, Farmington, Mi. 48024. Phone: 313-474-2228.
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Sparta—401 N. Vine St., Sparta, Ill. 62286. Phone: 618-443-4435.
Pastor: Robert W. Morrow, 411 N. Vine St., Sparta, Ill. 62286. Phone: 618-443-3419. Installed 1975.
Clerk of Session: Ralph Mathews, RR I, Baldwin, Ill.
Treasurer: Robert H. Finley, 207 W. Mound, Sparta, Ill. 62286.
S.S. Supt.: Lawrence Hood, Oakdale, Ill. 62268.

West Lafayette—545 Hayes St., West Lafayette, Ind. 47096. Phone: 317-743-4368.
Pastor: Raymond P. Joseph, 1013 Hillcrest Road, West Lafayette, Ind. 47906. Phone: 317-463-4260. Installed 1969.
Clerk of Session: William L. Long, 720 South 9th St., Lafayette, In. 47905. Phone: 317-742-8245.
Treasurer: Rosemary Frantz, 7225 Newcastle Rd., Lafayette, In. 47905.

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Milton L. Harrington, Rose City, Michigan 49564.
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ROSTER OF PACIFIC COAST PRESBYTERY

Moderator ..... James D. Carson
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Young People's Secretary ..... Donald Piper
Moderator of Ad Interim Commission ..... Donald Piper

Anchorage—
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Fresno—
Pastor: Philip W. Martin, 4873 E. Nevada, Fresno, CA 93727. Phone: 209-251-4176.
Clerk of Session: Donald W. Gouge, 4826 N. Gearhart Ave., Fresno, CA 93726. Phone: 209-227-0554.
Treasurer: Miss Lois Copeland, 4622 E. Washington Ave., Fresno, CA 93702. Phone: 209-255-0279.
S.S. Supt.: William Copeland, 2382 N. Bethel Avenue, Sanger, CA 93657. Phone: 209-266-9018.
Elders: William Copeland, Donald W. Gouge.

Los Angeles—3557 Fletcher Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90065. Phone: 213-255-8757.
Pastor: James D. Carson, D.D., 230 Cherry Drive, Pasadena, CA 91105. Phone: 213-793-8610. Installed 1973.
Clerk of Session: J. Donald Birdsall, 965 Brentnal Rd., Pasadena, CA 91105. Phone:
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Southfield: Mrs. Bruce Adams, 29011 Merrick, Warren, MI 62286.

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Thankoffering: Mrs. Clair Marshall, 1144 State Rd., New Castle, PA 16101.

Librarian/Historian: Mrs. J. R. Patterson, 3421 6th Ave., Beaver Falls, PA 15010.

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Allegheny: Mrs. M. W. Martin, 2404 Perrysville Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15010.

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Manchester: No report.

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Rose Point (Mary Jane Soc.): Miss Mary Jane Wilson, R.D. 2, Portersville, PA 16051.

Rose Point (Rosettes): Miss Amy Campbell, R.D. 6, Box 110, New Castle, PA 16101.

Wilkinsburg: Mrs. Jane Fisher, 738 Kelly Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15221.

WOMEN'S SYNODICAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS — COMBINED FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED, JANUARY 12, 1978

	BALANCE Jan. 6, 1977	RECEIPTS	DISBURSE-MENTS	BALANCE Jan. 12, 1978
Contingent Fund	$ 611.65	$ 453.60	$ 725.21	$ 340.04
Life & Memorial Fund	1,276.59	406.08	500.00	1,182.67
Thankoffering Fund	- .80	21,834.19	21,833.39	0
Special Projects Fund	619.42	1,099.55	612.29	1,106.68
Designated Funds	170.45	4,393.52	4,383.52	180.45
Total	$ 2,677.31	$28,186.94	$28,054.41	$ 2,809.84

BANK ACCOUNTS

Union National Bank of Pittsburgh - **Checking**				
Contingent Fund	$ 611.65	$ 453.60	$ 725.21	$ 340.04
Life & Memorial Fund	700.00	375.00	500.00	575.00
Thankoffering Fund	—.80	21,834.19	21.833.39	0
Special Projects Fund	619.42	1,099.55	612.29	1,106.68
Designated Funds	170.45	4,393.52	4,383.52	180.45
Total	$ 2,100.72	$28,155.86	$28,054.41	$ 2,202.17
First Federal Savings & Loan Association of Beaver Falls - **Savings**				
Life & Memorial Fund	$ 576.59	$ 31.08	$ 0	$ 607.67
Total	$ 2,677.31	$28,186.94	$28,054.41	$ 2,809.84

WOMEN'S SYNODICAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY
OF THE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA
DISBURSEMENTS — COMBINED FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED — JANUARY 12, 1978

Contingent Fund:		
N. A. E. Delegate Expense	$ 45.00	
Treasurer's Bond	34.00	
Synodical Board Meeting Expense	103.40	
Uniform Program	476.99	
Miscellaneous	65.82	
		$ 725.21
Life & Memorial Fund:		
Miss Alice Robb	250.00	
Mrs. Marjorie Sanderson	250.00	
		500.00
Thankoffering Fund:		
Home Missions	7,277.80	
Foreign Missions	14,555.59	
		21,833.39
Special Project Fund:		
Air Mail Postage for Witness Mailing	212.29	
Seminary for steam table	400.00	
		612.29
Designated Funds:		
Foreign Missions	300.00	
Home Missions	275.00	
Japan	928.01	
Cyprus	40.00	
Geneva College	704.65	
Seminary	711.50	
Home for the Aged	270.20	
Reformation Translation Fellowship	539.57	
Southern Mission	274.00	
Selma Congregation	75.59	
Easton	10.00	
Synod's Budget	175.00	
National Reform	30.00	
Penna. Council on Alcohol	10.00	
Patsy Boyle	15.00	
Gene Spear	25.00	
		4,383.52
Total Disbursements		$28,054.41

WOMEN'S SYNODICAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY
OF THE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA
RECEIPTS — COMBINED FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED — JANUARY 12, 1979

Presbyterial Receipts:		
Iowa	$ 2,042.65	
Medwest	7,068.47	
New York	5,355.35	
Ohio-Illinois	5,614.63	
Pacific Coast	760.65	
Pittsburgh	6,706.35	
		$27,528.10
Miscellaneous Contributions	627.76	627.76
Interest:		
Savings Account - Life & Mem. Fund	31.08	31.08
Total Receipts		$28,186.94

Mrs. Willard Hemphill
Treasurer

I have checked the records and with the information submitted I find the balance of $2202.17 as of January 12, 1978 to be correct.

Signed: Eve B. Hayes
2-24-78

IOWA

CONGREGATIONS	Total Membership 1976	DECEMBER 31, 1977 MEMBERSHIP																AVERAGE ATTENDANCE		C. Y. P. U.	Parsonage	1977 FINANCES											
		Total Membership	Communicant	Baptized, not Prof	INCREASE						DECREASE						Elders	Deacons					RECEIPTS			DISBURSEMENTS					Cash Balance 12-31-77	Other Assets	Pastor's Salary 1978
					By Baptism	By Prof. of Faith	From Cov. Cong.	From Other Denom.	Other	Total	Deaths	To R. P. Cong.	To Other Denom.	Suspended	Other	Total			Worship	Sabbath School			Balance 12-31-76	Supplemental Aid From Presbytery	Other	Total Receipts	Pastor's Salary	Synod's Budget	Other R. P. Works	Other	Total Disbursements			
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34
Lake Reno	33	30	26	4		2				2	1		1		3	5	2	1	21	14		Yes	686		7,454	7,454	2,130	2,201	3,369	107	7,807	533	4,092	2,080
Marion	55	56	35	21	2					2					1	1	4	3	38			Yes	1,208	1,833	18,870	20,703	9,635	1,400		9,768	20,803	1,108	14,551	10,670
Morning Sun	20	18	18								2					2	2	1	10	6		Yes	3,117		8,042	8,042	2,500	2,000		2,723	7,223	3,936		2,500
Sharon	156	147	120	27	2		1			3	3	1	8			12	9	5	72	45	3	Yes	1,000		36,441	36,441	7,930	8,715	1,395	18,401	36,441	1,000	3,312	7,700
Washington	123	108	72	36			1			1			15		1	16	7		74	59	6	No	1,915	1,600	21,660	23,260	10,500	500		12,516	23,516	1,659	17,706	11,000
Ministerial Members	4	4	4																															
On Presbytery's Roll	3	3	3																															
TOTALS	394	366	278	88	4	2	2			8	6	1	24		5	36	24	10	215	124	9	4	8,126	3,433	92,467	95,900	32,695	14,816	4,764	43,515	95,790	8,236	39,661	33,950

JAPAN

CONGREGATIONS	Total Membership 1976	DECEMBER 31, 1977 MEMBERSHIP			INCREASE						DECREASE						Elders	Deacons	AVERAGE ATTENDANCE		C. Y. P. U.	Parsonage	1977 FINANCES											
		Total Membership	Communicant	Baptized, not Prof	By Baptism	By Prof. of Faith	From Gov. Cong.	From Other Denom.	Other	Total	Deaths	To R. P. Cong.	To Other Denom.	Suspended	Other	Total			Worship	Sabbath School			RECEIPTS			DISBURSEMENTS							
																							Balance 12-31-76	Supplemental Aid From Presbytery	Other	Total Receipts	Pastor's Salary	Synod's Budget	Other R. P. Works	Other	Total Disbursements	Cash Balance 12-31-77	Other Assets	Pastor's Salary 1978
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34
Higashisuma	49	45	36	9	4					4			5	2	1	8	2	3	35	26	14	Yes	2,127		14,365	14,365	9,732			1,948	11,680	4,812		(6 mo.)
Kasumigaoka	31	38	25	13	7					7						0	1	3	28	23	-	Yes	7,000		6,960	6,960				11,160	11,160	2,800		2,500
Keiyaku	56	62	37	25	5	1				6						0	1	2	41	32	13	Yes	181		9,472	9,472	3,292		1,725	4,249	9,266	387	5,418	7,167
Ministerial Members	3	3	3																															
On Presbytery's Roll																																		
TOTALS	139	148	101	47	16	1				17			5	2	1	8	4	8	104	81	27	3	9,308		30,797	30,797	13,024		1,725	17,357	32,106	7,999	5,418	9,667

MIDWEST

CONGREGATIONS	Total Membership 1976	DECEMBER 31, 1977 MEMBERSHIP																	AVERAGE ATTENDANCE		C. Y. P. U.	Parsonage	1977 FINANCES											
		Total Membership	Communicant	Baptized, not Prof	INCREASE						DECREASE						Elders	Deacons					RECEIPTS			DISBURSEMENTS					Cash Balance 12-31-77	Other Assets	Pastor's Salary 1978
					By Baptism	By Prof. of Faith	From Cov. Cong.	From Other Denom.	Other	Total	Deaths	To R. P. Cong.	To Other Denom.	Suspended	Other	Total			Worship	Sabbath School	C. Y. P. U.		Balance 12-31-76	Supplemental Aid From Presbytery	Other	Total Receipts	Pastor's Salary	Synod's Budget	Other R. P. Works	Other	Total Disbursements			
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34
Clarinda	46	46	40	6		1				1			1			1	3	4	27	24		Yes	2,775		10,630	10,630	5,250	1,282	711	4,339	11,582	1,823		5,250
Denison	99	99	83	16	4		4			8	1	5	2			8	6	7	62	62	13	Yes	10,667		22,616	22,616	5,666	5,000	1,100	18,525	30,291	2,992	7,949	9,000
Greeley	107	91	82	9	1	1				2	3		8		7	18	7	6	51	47	5	Yes	1,214		24,758	24,758	9,557	4,554	1,993	8,535	24,639	1,333		9,700
Hays	23	28	17	11	3	3		1		7		2				2	2		31	28		No	91	14,349	16,004	30,353	10,800			15,763	26,563	3,881		11,000
Hebron	58	67	56	11	4	2	2	2		10					1	1	3		43	39		No	1,967		31,615	31,615	8,700	3,453		20,004	32,157	1,425	37,186	9,285
Hot Springs	18	6	6												12	12		4	12	7		Yes	5,098		3,292	3,292	1,310	400		1,961	3,671	4,719		
Lawrence	42	56	38	18	2	4	4	9		19			2		3	5	2		41	39	5	Yes	66	117	53,566	53,683	7,392	125	395	45,189	53,101	648	62	9,125
Minneola	39	44	37	7	3	2	2			7		1	1			2	3		28	23	10	No	199		18,886	18,886	11,758	856	246	4,903	17,763	1,322	7,400	13,400
Park City	28	33	20	13	1	1	4			6			1			1	2	1	34			Yes	6,237	1,170	11,907	13,077	2,975	1,000	617	4,642	9,234	10,080		7,500
Quinter	82	82	66	16		1				1					1	1	5	4	70	55	11	Yes	1,363		22,891	22,891	12,000	862	895	10,519	24,276	(22)		12,000
Shawnee	154	128	103	25		1	7			8	3	12			19	34	8	7	95	75	12	Yes	9,155		101,278	101,278	5,750	9,426	2,352	84,146	101,674	8,759		12,500
Sterling	115	114	88	26		1				1	1	1				2	7	5	71	68	12	Yes	12,127		126,575	126,575	9,200	6,000		113,281	128,481	10,221		10,200
Superior-Beulah	69	60	51	9		5	1			6	3	2	5		5	15	3	4	30	18		Yes	3,364		9,574	9,574	2,062	800	477	6,908	10,247	2,691	6,165	4,000
Topeka	146	149	123	26	2	4	1	2		9	3	1	1	1		6	7	8	105	83	10	Yes	8,044		61,664	61,664	13,000	15,265	1,148	39,125	68,538	1,170	35,029	14,300
Westminster	43	49	35	14	5	4	3			12	1	4			1	6	1	3	48	46		No	1,726	3,880	25,833	29,713	14,600	1,075	337	13,181	29,193	2,246	75	15,200
Winchester	77	80	67	13		2	2			4		1				1	5	3	80	65	9	Yes	5,493		26,464	26,464	11,700	4,741	3,668	8,915	29,024	2,933	1,610	13,100
Ministerial Members	24	27	27				3			3																								
On Presbytery's Roll	9	8	8									1				1																		
TOTALS	1,179	1,167	947	220	25	31	34	14		104	15	30	21	1	49	116	64	60	828	679	87	12	69,586	19,516	567,553	587,069	131,720	54,839	13,939	399,936	600,434	56,221	95,476	155,560

NEW YORK

CONGREGATIONS	Total Membership 1976	DECEMBER 31, 1977 MEMBERSHIP			INCREASE						DECREASE						Elders	Deacons	AVERAGE ATTENDANCE		C. Y. P. U.	Parsonage	1977 FINANCES											
		Total Membership	Communicant	Baptized, not Prof	By Baptism	By Prof. of Faith	From Gov. Cong	From Other Denom.	Other	Total	Deaths	To R. P. Cong	To Other Denom.	Suspended	Other	Total			Worship	Sabbath School			RECEIPTS			DISBURSEMENTS								
																							Balance 12-31-76	Supplemental Aid From Presbytery	Other	Total Receipts	Pastor's Salary	Synod's Budget	Other R. P. Works	Other	Total Disbursements	Cash Balance 12-31-77	Other Assets	Pastor's Salary 1978
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34
Broomall	61	62	46	16	1	2	2	1		6			1			1	6	3	60	35	6	Yes	2,256		37,124	37,124	10,200	5,299	2,878	19,301	37,378	1,992	10,301	10,500
Cambridge	48	42	33	9								3			3	6	3	1	25	21	Y	Yes	713		14,296	14,296	8,215	1,425	200	4,729	14,569	440	5,189	
Coldenham-Newburgh	125	116	89	27	4	5	3		1	13	2		3	5	9	22	9	7	70	60	4	Yes	5,659		40,674	40,674	12,000	4,000	1,024	28,296	45,320	1,013	193,179	13,200
Easton Area	9	4	3	1									5			5			12	12		No	2,169	5,000	13,500	18,500	9,500			10,523	20,023	646		10,000
Elkins Park	51	51	48	3			4			4	1		2		1	4	4	2	35			Yes	46		18,449	18,449	9,694	400	1,667	5,917	17,678	817	11,075	9,809
Montclair	40	34	29	5							2	2	1		1	6	2		8	5	5	Yes	5,720	1,042	10,793	11,835	3,542	300		7,448	11,290	6,265		
New York	80	69	62	7							2	1			8	11	4	2	40	25		No	8,218		26,446	26,446	2,625	4,500	950	20,394	28,469	6,195	185,625	4,500
White Lake	17	16	15	1									1			1		1	23	6		Yes	533		2,602	2,602	1,400	500	25	696	2,621	514	10,000	
a - figure of 1976 in error. 1 added to correct																																		
b - 2 out of bounds 1 emeritus																																		
c - pastor retired 11-30-77																																		
d - part of year																																		
Ministerial Members		2	2						1	1					1	1																		
On Presbytery's Roll																																		
TOTALS	439	402	333	69	5	7	9	1	2	24	7	11	12	8	23	61	28	18	273	164	15	6	25,314	6,042	163,884	169,926	57,176	16,424	6,544	97,304	177,448	17,792	415,369	48,300

OHIO-ILLINOIS

CONGREGATIONS	Total Membership 1976	DECEMBER 31, 1977 MEMBERSHIP															Elders	Deacons	AVERAGE ATTENDANCE		C. Y. P. U.	Parsonage
		Total Membership	Communicant	Baptized, not Prof	INCREASE						DECREASE								Worship	Sabbath School		
					By Baptism	By Prof. of Faith	From Cov. Cong.	From Other Denom.	Other	Total	Deaths	To R. P. Cong.	To Other Denom.	Suspended	Other	Total						
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Belle Center	34	35	31	4	2					2	1					1	3	2	24	21	4	Yes
Bloomington	105	95	81	14		3	2			5	1	1			13	15	7	9	54	35		Yes
Chicago	34	33	24	9								1				1		2	10	2		No
Hetherton	51	44	35	9	1					1		4	4			8	2	3	40	27		Yes
Indianapolis	151	176	127	49		17	1		10[a]	28		2	1			3	10	4	140	130		No
Oakdale	65	64	57	7	1					1		2				2	5	4	39	36		Yes
Ogemaw	27	27	14	13													2[b]	1	27	26	5	No
Orlando	124	123	90	33	3		1			4					5	5	5	8	85	80	9	No
Selma	95	93	91	2							2					2	6	8	95	62	8	Yes
Southfield	57	51	40	11								4			2	6	6	4	36	36	3	Yes
Sparta	49	48	39	9		2				2	1				2	3	5	2	38	32		Yes
West Lafayette	63	70	57	13	2	4	1	4		11		4				4	3		65	55		Yes
Ministerial Members	17	17	17						1	1					1	1						
On Presbytery's Roll																						
TOTALS	872	876	703	173	9	26	5	4	11	55	5	18	5		23	51	54	47	653	542	29	8

CONGREGATIONS	1977 FINANCES											
	Balance 12-31-76	RECEIPTS			DISBURSEMENTS					Cash Balance 12-31-77	Other Assets	Pastor's Salary 1978
		Supplemental Aid From Presbytery	Other	Total Receipts	Pastor's Salary	Synod's Budget	Other R. P. Works	Other	Total Disbursements			
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34
Belle Center	3,435		15,738	15,738	8,500	2,093	221	2,646	13,460	5,713	5,325	9,500
Bloomington	3,172		31,817	31,817	*5,457	5,300	2,176	14,133	27,066	7,923	16,242	10,500
Chicago	8,285		29,075	29,075	900	506	200	1,919	3,525	33,835		
Hetherton	399		12,771	12,771	3,474	530		7,429	11,433	1,737		11,000
Indianapolis	5,311		72,520	72,520	16,800	3,250	7,499	38,875	66,424	11,407	16,606	17,976
Oakdale	4,030		45,903	45,903	10,500	4,000	1,794	29,249	45,543	4,390		11,000
Ogemaw	166		16,413	16,413	9,500	130	872	5,839	16,341	238	1,760	9,500
Orlando	8,746		48,049	48,049	12,000	6,674	110	30,510	49,294	7,501		13,600
Selma	326	7,700	11,809	19,509	8,100		1,584	9,603	19,287	548		9,000
Southfield	23,744		29,455	29,455	8,775	4,000	5,021	6,315	24,111	29,088		**6,000
Sparta	1,068		20,403	20,403	10,500	3,100	675	6,308	20,583	888	24,433	11,000
West Lafayette	789	1,287	31,815	33,102	12,900	420	480	19,773	33,573	318	1,168	13,800

* Six Months

** By Pastor's Request

a - to correct error of prior years

b - provisional

PACIFIC COAST

CONGREGATIONS	Total Membership 1976	DECEMBER 31, 1977 MEMBERSHIP																AVERAGE ATTENDANCE		C. Y. P. U.	Pastorate	1977 FINANCES										Pastor's Salary 1978
		Total Membership	Communicant	Baptized, not Prof	INCREASE						DECREASE						Elders	Deacons				Balance 12-31-76	RECEIPTS			DISBURSEMENTS					Cash Balance 12-31-77	Other Assets	
					By Baptism	By Prof. of Faith	From Cov. Cong.	From Other Denom.	Other	Total	Deaths	To R. P. Cong.	To Other Denom.	Suspended	Other	Total			Worship	Sabbath School				Supplemental Aid From Presbytery	Other	Total Receipts	Pastor's Salary	Synod's Budget	Other R. P. Works	Other	Total Disbursements			
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34
Fresno	67	61	45	16	1		1			2	1			6	1	8	4	5	30	31	11	Yes	13,025		19,434	19,434	6,484	1,162	60	18,237	25,943	6,516	20,081	9,000
Los Angeles	131	111	96	15		3				3		2	3	18		23	5	6	60	36		No	8,319		41,606	41,606	14,461	8,477	750	26,233	49,921	4	31,800	16,875
Phoenix	50	58	38	20	4	2		3		9		1				1	2	5	50			No	432		40,035	40,035	10,359	2,200		26,886	39,445	1,022	8,207	15,500
San Diego	24	27	18	9	1	2	2			5					2	2	3	2	24	25		No	7	5,100	22,223	27,323	11,750	400		7,722	19,872	7,458		14,500
Santa Ana	53	47	41	6							2		3		1	6	3	6	32	29		No	303		19,889	19,889	8,900	1,245		9,420	19,565	627	14,126	8,900
Seattle	88	90	68	22	2	8		4		14	1	2	6	1	2	12	3	4	58	31		Yes	7,297		27,538	27,538	10,656	2,797	1,844	12,512	27,809	7,026	21,150	12,200
Ministerial Members	7	9	9						2	2																								
On Presbytery's Roll	2	2	2																															
TOTALS	422	405	317	88	8	15	3	7	2	35	4	5	12	25	6	52	20	28	254	152	11	2	29,383	5,100	170,725	175,825	62,610	16,281	2,654	101,010	182,555	22,653	95,364	76,975

PITTSBURGH

CONGREGATIONS	Total Membership 1976	DECEMBER 31, 1977 MEMBERSHIP															AVERAGE ATTENDANCE		C. Y. P. U.	Parsonage	1977 FINANCES										
		Total Membership	Communicant	Baptized, not Prof	INCREASE						DECREASE						Elders	Deacons			RECEIPTS				DISBURSEMENTS						
					By Baptism	By Prof. of Faith	From Cov. Cong.	From Other Denom.	Other	Total	Deaths	To R. P. Cong.	To Other Denom.	Suspended	Other	Total			Worship	Sabbath School			Balance 12-31-76	Supplemental Aid From Presbytery	Other	Total Receipts	Pastor's Salary	Synod's Budget	Other R. P. Works	Other	Total Disbursements	Cash Balance 12-31-77	Other Assets	Pastor's Salary 1978
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34
Allegheny	51	54	53	1		1	1	2		4	1					1	4	9T	53	35	10	No	2,384		37,865	37,865	3,349	1,336	1,879	28,212	34,776	5,473	27,301	
College Hill	181	201	153	48	7	14	6	7		34		2	5	2	5	14	11	12	210	120	17	Yes	2,562		63,949	63,949	10,500	9,600	4,891	28,078	53,069	13,562	600	11,500
Covenant Fellowship	45	51	38	13	2	1	3	3		9		1	1	1		3	2	3	64	59		No	181		23,721	23,721	10,000	3,459	200	9,879	23,538	364		11,000
Eastvale	104	85	66	19	1					1	3	1	1	15		20	4	7	52	53	4	Yes	3,869		22,659	22,659	10,300	2,191	1,565	9,656	23,712	2,816	550	11,000
First Beaver Falls	200	196	156	40	2	2	1	1		6	1		3		6	10	8	12	95	59	44	Yes	1,323		49,139	49,139	11,500	8,000	1,493	27,817	48,810	1,652	3,376	12,000
Four Mile	57	52	25	27								5				5	2	1	40	38		Yes	6,062	3,500	13,313	16,813	8,500	500		10,690	19,690	3,185		9,500
Geneva	199	197	155	42	9	2	8	7	2	28		4	11	8	7	30	11	11	225	105	20	Yes	9,236		73,283	73,283	13,200	16,000	7,583	39,940	76,723	5,796		14,200
Manchester	88	86	60	26		1	2			3				5		5	3	2	37	35		Yes	1,127		19,891	19,891	12,075	600	1,089	6,990	20,754	264		11,000
New Alexandria	77	81	59	22	1	2	2			5			1			1	3	6T	56	46	5	Yes	2,585		24,389	24,389	9,500	177	1,609	9,723	21,009	5,965	4,913	10,500
New Castle	22	20	18	2									2			2	3	3	12	8		Yes	191		5,366	5,366	2,880			2,331	5,211	346	57,000	
North Hills	126	107	64	43	3	7		2		12	1	11	11		8	31	3	5	100	80	20	Yes	243		57,781	57,781	10,500	6,180	5,760	35,306	57,746	278	320,000	11,500
Rimersburg	87	87	60	27	2					2	1	1				2	5	3	17	36		Yes	666	1,600	15,167	16,767	10,500	330	100	6,351	17,281	152	3,280	11,000
Rose Point	98	83	62	21							1		2		12	15	6	7	70	61	6	Yes	2,117		27,536	27,536	10,500	5,000	4,043	7,338	26,881	2,772	5,180	10,500
Wilkinsburg	20	19	19								1					1	2		12			No	2,255		4,315	4,315	3,475			1,728	5,203	1,367		3,475
Union (M. S.)	35	28	28				4			4					11	11	1		13	7		No	1,087		6,023	6,023	1,740	545	254	3,393	5,932	1,178		
Ministerial Members	33	31	31								1	1				2																	
On Presbytery's Roll	1	1	1																														
TOTALS	1,424	1,379	1,048	331	27	30	27	22	2	108	10	26	37	31	49	153	68	81	1,056	742	126	11	36,008	5,100	444,397	449,497	128,519	53,918	30,466	227,432	440,335	45,170	322,400	127,175

ST. LAWRENCE

CONGREGATIONS	Total Membership 1976	DECEMBER 31, 1977 MEMBERSHIP																AVERAGE ATTENDANCE		C. Y. P. U.	Parsonage	1977 FINANCES									
		Total Membership	Communicant	Baptized, not Prof	INCREASE						DECREASE						Elders	Deacons				RECEIPTS			DISBURSEMENTS				Cash Balance 12-31-77	Other Assets	Pastor's Salary 1978
					By Baptism	By Prof. of Faith	From Cov. Cong.	From Other Denom.	Other	Total	Deaths	To R. P. Cong.	To Other Denom.	Suspended	Other	Total			Worship	Sabbath School			Balance 12-31-76	Supplemental Aid From Presbytery	Other	Total Receipts	Pastor's Salary	Synod's Budget	Other R. P. Works	Other	Total Disbursements			
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34
Almonte	57	54	40	14			1			1	2	2				4	3	4	38	33	5	Yes	12,965		25,235	25,235	8,000	1,690	589	6,909	17,188	21,012		10,000
Lisbon	35	34	26	8							1					1	3	3	36	30	8	Yes	864		14,215	14,215	8,200	185	424	3,369	12,178	2,901		9,000
Lochiel	14	13	13										1			1	2	1	6	6		Yes	3,888		1,678	1,678				2,742	2,742	2,824		
Rochester *																			12	12		No	647	8,083	4,950	13,033	10,000			2,905	12,905	775		10,770
Syracuse	61	68	57	11	2	9				11		4				4	3	5	100	75		Yes	6,635		36,339	36,339	12,475	1,350	3,692	25,158	42,675	299	6,967	14,000
Walton	109	104	78	26							1		2	2		5	6	6	65	40	10	Yes	2,033		28,039	28,039	10,000	5,378	2,884	9,853	28,115	1,957	5,896	10,000
Ministerial Members	6	6	6																															
On Presbytery's Roll	4	6	6																															
TOTALS	286	283	224	59	2	9	1			12	4	6	3	2		15	17	19	257	196	23	5	27,032	8,083	110,456	118,539	48,675	8,603	7,589	50,936	115,803	29,768	12,863	53,770

a. includes Home Mission Board aid

* Mission Station

PRESBYTERIES	Total Membership 1976	DECEMBER 31, 1977 MEMBERSHIP															AVERAGE ATTENDANCE		C. Y. P. U.	Parsonage	1977 FINANCES										
		Total Membership	Communicant	Baptized, not Prof	INCREASE						DECREASE						Elders	Deacons				RECEIPTS			DISBURSEMENTS						
					By Baptism	By Prof. of Faith	From Cov. Cong.	From Other Denom.	Other	Total	Deaths	To R. P. Cong.	To Other Denom.	Suspended	Other	Total			Worship	Sabbath School			Balance 12-31-76	Supplemental Aid From Presbytery	Other	Total Receipts	Pastor's Salary	Synod's Budget	Other R. P. Works	Other	Total Disbursements	Cash Balance 12-31-77	Other Assets	Pastor's Salary 1978
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34
Iowa	394	366	278	88	4	2	2			8	6	1	24		5	36	24	10	215	124	9	4	8,126	3,433	92,467	95,900	32,695	14,816	4,764	43,515	95,790	8,236	39,661	33,950
Midwest	1,179	1,167	947	220	25	31	34	14		104	15	30	21	1	49	116	64	60	828	679	87	12	69,586	19,516	567,553	587,069	131,720	54,839	13,939	399,936	600,434	56,221	95,476	155,560
New York	439	402	333	69	5	7	9	1	2	24	7	11	12	8	23	61	28	18	273	164	15	6	25,314	6,042	163,884	169,926	57,176	16,424	6,544	97,304	177,448	17,792	415,369	48,300
Ohio-Illinois	872	876	703	173	9	26	5	4	11	55	5	18	5		23	51	54	47	653	542	29	8	59,471	8,987	365,768	374,755	107,406	30,003	20,632	172,599	330,640	103,586	65,534	122,876
Pacific Coast	422	405	317	88	8	15	3	7	2	35	4	5	12	25	6	52	20	28	254	152	11	2	29,383	5,100	170,725	175,825	62,610	16,281	2,654	101,010	182,555	22,653	95,364	76,975
Pittsburgh	3,424	3,379	2,048	331	27	30	27	22	2	108	10	26	37	31	49	153	68	81	1,056	742	126	11	36,008	5,100	444,397	449,497	128,519	53,918	30,466	227,432	440,335	45,170	322,400	127,175
St. Lawrence	286	283	224	59	2	9	1			12	4	6	3	2		15	17	19	257	196	23	5	27,032	8,083	110,456	118,539	48,675	8,603	7,589	50,936	115,803	29,768	12,863	53,770
Total Home Field	6,016	5,878	4,850	1,028	80	120	81	48	17	346	51	97	114	67	155	484	275	263	3,536	2,599	300	48	254,920	56,261	1,915,250	1,971,511	568,801	194,884	86,588	1,092,732	1,943,005	283,426	1,046,667	618,606
Japan	139	148	101	47	16	1				17			5	2	1	8	4	8	104	81	27	3	9,308		30,797	30,797	13,024		1,725	17,357	32,106	7,999	5,418	9,667
TOTAL	6,155	6,026	4,951	1,075	96	121	81	48	17	363	51	97	119	69	156	492	279	271	3,640	2,680	327	51	264,228	56,261	1,946,047	2,002,308	581,825	194,884	88,313	1,110,089	1,975,111	291,425	1,052,085	628,273
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